

**PCA PRESS RELEASE****ARBITRATION BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA****THE ARA LIBERTAD ARBITRATION (ARGENTINA V GHANA)**

THE HAGUE, 8 August 2013

Procedural Timetable and Rules of Procedure established in the *ARA Libertad Arbitration (Argentina v Ghana)* following a First Procedural Meeting in The Hague

The Tribunal constituted in the *ARA Libertad Arbitration* between the Argentine Republic and the Republic of Ghana pursuant to Article 287 and Article 1 of Annex VII to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea has issued a first Procedural Order which, *inter alia*, establishes the Procedural Timetable and adopts the Rules of Procedure that shall apply in this arbitration. This followed a First Procedural Meeting held by the Tribunal with the Parties at the Peace Palace in The Hague on 21 May 2013. The languages of the arbitration are English and Spanish.

This arbitration was commenced on 29 October 2012 by Argentina against Ghana in relation to a dispute concerning the detention of the Argentine frigate ARA Libertad and court measures adopted by Ghana in relation to the frigate.

The Tribunal is composed of H.E. Judge Bruno Simma (President), H.E. Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Judge Elsa Kelly, Judge Thomas A. Mensah, and Professor Bernard H. Oxman. The PCA acts as Registry in the arbitration.

The written pleadings phase shall commence with the filing by Argentina of its Memorial on or before 21 February 2014.

Procedural Order No. 1 and the Rules of Procedure are available on the PCA website in English and Spanish.

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