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PCA CASE NO. 2023-65

THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN V. THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

THE HAGUE, 5 FEBRUARY 2024

First Procedural Meeting in Arbitration under Energy Charter Treaty

On 12 January 2024, the Arbitral Tribunal in an arbitration commenced by the Republic of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Armenia pursuant to Article 27 of the Energy Charter Treaty held its first procedural meeting with the Parties. The meeting took place at the Peace Palace, The Hague, the headquarters of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), which acts as Registry for the proceedings.

During the meeting, the Arbitral Tribunal consulted the Parties in respect of the procedural framework for the arbitration, including the calendar for oral and written pleadings.

The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan was led by its designated Agent, H.E. Mr. Elnur Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Azerbaijan. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia was led by its designated Agent, H.E. Dr. Yeghishe Kirakosyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia on International Legal Matters.

Background of the Arbitration

The arbitral proceedings were instituted on 27 February 2023 when the Republic of Azerbaijan served on the Republic of Armenia a Notice of Arbitration pursuant to Article 27 of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, 1976.

The three-member Arbitral Tribunal is chaired by Ms. Jean E. Kalicki as President (a national of the United States of America). The other members are Professor Donald M. McRae (a national of Canada and New Zealand), who was appointed by the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Professor Brigitte Stern (a national of France), who was appointed by the Republic of Armenia.

Further information about the proceedings is available on the PCA website: <https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/312/>.

Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration

The PCA is an independent intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA's International Bureau is currently administering 7 inter-State arbitrations, 1 other inter-State proceeding, 104 investor-State arbitrations, and 91 cases arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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