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By Electronic Mail

Mr. Martin Doe
Deputy Secretary-General
The Permanent Court of Arbitration
Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2
2517 KJ The Hague
The Netherlands

Re: PCA Case No. 2019-28 (*Dispute Concerning the Detention of Ukrainian Naval Vessels and Servicemen*)

Dear Mr. Doe:

Ukraine observes that the Russian Federation elected not to submit a Reply by 31 January 2025 regarding the merits of its challenge to Judge Kateka. As Russia has not submitted anything new since Ukraine's last submission, Ukraine has elected not to submit a Rejoinder.

For the reasons outlined in Ukraine's prior written submissions, Russia's challenge to Judge Kateka is both untimely and lacks merit. Ukraine respectfully requests that the Tribunal promptly reject Russia's challenge to Judge Kateka so this case can finally move forward to a hearing on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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