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RE: PCA CASE NO. 2023-14 – INDUS WATERS TREATY NEUTRAL EXPERT PROCEEDINGS (INDIA V. PAKISTAN)

Dear Ms. Mukherjee,
Dear Mr. Awan,
Dear Mr. Akbar,

I write on behalf of the Neutral Expert in the above-referenced matter.

1. India's Letter dated 29 September 2025

The Neutral Expert acknowledges receipt of India's letter dated 29 September 2025, in which "India reiterates that the Fourth Meeting cannot go ahead and all future proceedings should be kept in abeyance."

The Neutral Expert has carefully read India's letter and takes note of its contents. The Neutral Expert recalls, however, that in earlier correspondence, India had already requested that the dates of the Fourth Meeting be vacated and that the proceedings be otherwise put on hold. By letter to the Parties dated 17 June 2025, the Neutral Expert communicated his decision that India had not provided sufficient grounds to justify the suspension of the proceedings, and maintained the dates fixed for the Fourth Meeting. That decision was reconfirmed in the Neutral Expert's letter dated 13 August 2025, and again with respect to the dates of the Fourth Meeting, by letter dated 12 September 2025. India's latest correspondence does not offer any new grounds or arguments in support of its position that would justify reconsidering the Neutral Expert's decision of 17 June 2025. The dates of the Fourth Meeting are accordingly maintained and the proceedings are not suspended.

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2. Pakistan's Request for the Publication of Documents

The Neutral Expert refers to Pakistan's letter dated 26 September 2025, requesting that "in keeping with the Neutral Expert's duties under Paragraph 14.2 [of the Supplemental Rules of Procedure], the Registry takes expeditious steps to publish on its website" redacted versions of the Neutral Expert's letters to the Parties dated 11 April, 17 June, 13 August and 12 September 2025.

While the Neutral Expert invited India to comment on Pakistan's request by 30 September 2025, no comments were received by that date or otherwise.

The Neutral Expert confirms that the unredacted portions of his letters to the Parties dated 11 April, 17 June, 13 August and 12 September 2025 fall within the scope of documents subject to publication under Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules of Procedure. The Neutral Expert considers, however, that there is no need to redact the names and functions of the letters' addressees, as this information is already available on the PCA website, and provides important context for understanding the correspondence in question. The Neutral Expert has accordingly instructed the PCA to prepare new redacted versions of his letters to the Parties dated 11 April, 17 June, 13 August and 12 September 2025 and publish them on the PCA website by 7 October 2025.

With the assistance of the Registry, the Neutral Expert will consider whether other documents in the record of the proceedings are also subject to publication under Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules of Procedure, whether in whole or in part. The Neutral Expert will revert to the Parties on this question prior to the publication of any documents.

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Yours sincerely,



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