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

Dear Shri Rao,
Dear Mr. Awan,
Dear Mr. Akbar,

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

1. Pakistan's application under Paragraph 14.3 of the Supplemental Rules of Procedure

The Neutral Expert refers to Pakistan's letter dated 11 February 2026, requesting directions pursuant to Paragraph 14.3 of the Supplemental Rules of Procedure (the "Supplemental Rules") ordering the disclosure to the Court of Arbitration in the *Indus Waters Western Rivers Arbitration (Pakistan v. India)* (the "Court of Arbitration") of certain documents submitted by India into the Neutral Expert proceedings (the "Application").

The Neutral Expert invited India to comment on Pakistan's letter by 20 February 2026. No reply was received to this invitation by the set deadline or otherwise.

Having carefully considered Pakistan's Application, the Neutral Expert hereby directs, pursuant to Paragraph 14.3 of the Supplemental Rules, that Pakistan may disclose the following documents to the Court of Arbitration, subject to drawing the attention of the Court to the confidentiality of these documents, which should be maintained in the Court proceedings:

Item 7 (logbook of KHEP) – an Excel file submitted by India on 31 July 2024, pursuant to Request No. 7(i)-(ii) of the information requested by the Neutral Expert in his letter of 10 July

2024 [REDACTED]

Item 7 R BHEP data – an Excel file submitted by India on 21 January 2025, pursuant to Request No. 7(iii) of the information requested by the Neutral Expert in his letter of 28 November 2024.

Appendix D (“Bathymetric Survey Data of Baglihar Reservoir (2015)”) [REDACTED]

2. Work Programme

In its letter dated 11 February 2026, Pakistan requested that the Neutral Expert vary the dates set out in Items 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Work Programme, having regard to the Court of Arbitration’s indication that it may be in a position to issue its forthcoming award, which is expected to address issues of Pondage, on or around 15 May 2026. *Inter alia*, Pakistan requested to be given 14 days from the issuance of the Court’s award for the filing of its Further Written Submissions on Pondage, and proposed that the Fifth Meeting be postponed to take place from 8 – 10 June 2026.

As noted above, the Neutral Expert invited India to comment on Pakistan’s letter by 20 February 2026, but no reply was received to this invitation by the set deadline or otherwise.

Having considered Pakistan’s scheduling proposal, the Neutral Expert hereby fixes 29 May 2026 as the deadline for the filing of the Parties’ Further Written Submissions on Pondage (Item 13 of the Work Programme) and 8 – 10 June 2026 as the new dates for the Fifth Meeting (Item 14 of the Work Programme). The Parties have leave to apply for a variation of those dates should such variation prove necessary.

For the time being, the deadlines for the Neutral Expert’s Synthesis Memorandum and the Parties’ Written Comments thereon (Items 15 and 16 of the Work Programme) are vacated.

[REDACTED] the Neutral Expert will revert to the Parties separately and in due course regarding new dates for Items 15 and 16 and any other amendments to the Work Programme.

A revised version of the Work Programme is enclosed.

3. Publication of decision

In accordance with Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules, the Neutral Expert has instructed the Registry to publish the present letter on its website on **Friday, 6 March 2026**, in an appropriately redacted form.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Ms. Balla Galma Godana (+230 5252 0893; bgodana@pca-cpa.org) should you have any question regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Encl.: Revised Work Programme

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