

**PCA Case No. 2025-45**

**IN THE MATTER OF AN ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN  
IRELAND FOR THE PROVISION OF AN ASYLUM PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN  
SHARED INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON THE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES  
AND MIGRANTS**

**- and -**

**THE PCA ARBITRATION RULES 2012**

**- between -**

**THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

**- and -**

**THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

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**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2**

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**Tribunal**

H.E. Judge Peter Tomka (Chairperson)  
Professor Dr. Mohamed Abdel Wahab  
Judge Joan Donoghue

**Registry**

The Permanent Court of Arbitration

11 March 2026

**WHEREAS** Article 8(2) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure states that “[a]fter inviting the views of the Parties, the Tribunal shall decide on the modalities for any hearing”;

**WHEREAS** on 14 February 2026, the Tribunal solicited the Parties’ views on organisational aspects of the Hearing and invited the Parties to consult directly to reach agreement to the greatest extent possible on those matters, and to deliver their comments, either jointly or separately to the Tribunal;

**WHEREAS** on 20 February 2026, the Parties provided their joint comments in respect of matters raised in the Tribunal’s letter of 14 February 2026;

**WHEREAS** on 2 March 2026, the Tribunal invited the Parties’ comments in respect of a draft of this Order;

**WHEREAS** on 9 March 2026, the Parties provided their comments in respect of the draft of this Order;

**WHEREAS** a Pre-Hearing Videoconference was held on 11 March 2026;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Tribunal has decided to incorporate the Parties’ points of agreement, and where agreement was not possible, the Tribunal’s ruling, in this Order as follows:

## **1. HEARING DATES AND SCHEDULE**

- 1.1 The Hearing shall take place from 18 to 20 March 2026.
- 1.2 Pursuant to Article 8(2) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure, the Hearing shall take place in-person at the Peace Palace, The Hague.
- 1.3 The Hearing days will begin at 09:30 and conclude by 13:00, with a break of 15 minutes in the morning. On Day 3, 20 March 2026, the Hearing will begin at 09:30 and conclude by 15:00.
- 1.4 The Tribunal reserves discretion to adjust the Hearing schedule, including the sitting times on any day, as needed to accomplish the prescribed agenda and to accommodate any technical disruptions.
- 1.5 The Hearing Schedule shall be as set out in **Annex 1**. The Parties shall make a good-faith effort to adhere to the schedule.

## **2. ALLOCATION OF TIME**

- 2.1 The Hearing will proceed on the principle that the Parties should have equal time to present their case.
- 2.2 After excluding time reserved for breaks, Tribunal time, and a certain amount of inevitable slippage, the Parties are each allocated 4 hours and 15 minutes (together, 8 hours and 30 minutes) to use over the course of the Hearing.
- 2.3 The Parties agree on the use of the chess clock method of time keeping.
- 2.4 Each Party shall be free to spend its allocated time in the manner it sees fit, so long as the total amount of time allotted to that Party for each round of oral submission and the order of presentations set out in Annex 1 are maintained.

- 2.5 In calculating time used during the Hearing, the Tribunal incorporates the following presumptions:
- (a) The Tribunal may ask questions during the Parties' submissions and this time will be included within the Parties' time allocation, subject to the Tribunal's discretion to make appropriate adjustments.
  - (b) Time lost through no fault of the Parties shall be deemed to be time incurred by the Parties equally.

2.6 The PCA shall keep a record of time and circulate it to the Parties at the end of each Hearing day.

### **3. COURT REPORTER AND CORRECTIONS TO THE HEARING TRANSCRIPT**

- 3.1 Pursuant to Article 8(8) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure, "[t]he Registry shall make arrangements for a verbatim record (transcript) of each hearing to be produced."
- 3.2 The Parties have agreed to engage the transcription services of Ambassador International Reporting for court reporting.
- 3.3 The PCA will provide the court reporter with copies of pleadings, witness statements, expert reports, and procedural documents, so that she may familiarise herself with the case.
- 3.4 At the end of the Hearing, the Tribunal will determine, considering the views expressed by the Parties at that time, the timing and procedure for correction of the Hearing transcripts.
- 3.5 The costs of court reporting shall be advanced by the Parties in equal shares, through the deposit established with the PCA, subject to the final allocation of the costs of the arbitration by the Tribunal.

### **4. POWERPOINT SLIDES AND DEMONSTRATIVE EXHIBITS**

- 4.1 Pursuant to Article 8(7) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure:
- No new evidence may be presented at the hearing except with the leave of the Tribunal. Should the Tribunal grant leave to a Party to present new evidence in the course of the hearing, it will grant the other Party the opportunity to introduce new evidence to rebut it.
- 4.2 Demonstrative exhibits may be shown using documents submitted earlier in accordance with the provisions on evidence above.
- 4.3 The Parties shall identify each demonstrative exhibit submitted to the Tribunal with a distinct number. Each demonstrative exhibit submitted by the Claimant shall begin with the letters "CDE" followed by the applicable number (*i.e.*, CDE-1, CDE-2, etc.); each demonstrative exhibit submitted by the Respondent shall begin with the letters "RDE" followed by the applicable number (*i.e.*, RDE-1, RDE-2, etc.). The Parties shall use sequential numbering in the order of submission of the demonstrative exhibits throughout the proceedings.
- 4.4 Each Party shall provide electronic copies of any PowerPoint presentations, including any demonstrative exhibits contained therein, to be displayed at the Hearing by e-mail to the opposing Party and the Registry not later than one (1) hour prior to their intended use. The Registry shall then transmit such materials to the Members of the Tribunal and the court reporter. Each Party shall additionally provide two hard copies of the presentation to the opposing Party and one hard

copy to each Member of the Tribunal, the Registry, and the court reporter at the commencement of the session in which the presentation will be used.

## **5. AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING**

5.1 The PCA shall prepare an audio and video recording of the Hearing.

## **6. PUBLICATION OF PARTY SUBMISSIONS**

6.1 Article 11(2) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure states:

All written submissions shall be confidential until two working days before the opening of the hearing whereupon the Registry will publish them on the PCA website, save that any information identified as confidential by either Party will be redacted. The annexes to the written submissions, any witness statements and any expert reports shall not be published.

6.2 The Parties have agreed that if they wish to apply redactions to their respective written submissions on grounds of confidentiality, they shall file a redacted copy of the relevant submission(s) by **12 March 2026**.

6.3 The written submissions with redactions (if any) shall be published on the PCA's website by **16 March 2026**.

## **7. PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE HEARING**

7.1 Pursuant to Article 11(2) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure:

Hearings shall be public. The Tribunal will determine in due course the modalities for any members of the public wishing to follow the hearing to do so.

7.2 The Parties have agreed that members of the public may access the Hearing room, with the PCA to administer a registration procedure, if necessary. Members of the press will be permitted to view a livestream of the Hearing from a designated "Press Room" within the Peace Palace premises.

7.3 The Parties have agreed that the Hearing will be livestreamed on the PCA's website.

7.4 The Parties have agreed that the video recording of the Hearing will also made available on the PCA's website after the Hearing.

7.5 In accordance with Article 11(2) of the Supplementary Rules of Procedure, the transcripts of the Hearing shall be made publicly available on the PCA Case Repository promptly following the Hearing, after the Parties have been afforded an opportunity to make the necessary corrections and redactions.

7.6 The Parties will not refer by name during the hearing to any individual whose name has been redacted by either party in their written pleadings. Nor will they disclose any information which could lead to the identification of any such individual.

On behalf of the Tribunal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Tomka", is written over a thin horizontal line.

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H.E. Judge Peter Tomka  
Chairperson

Dated: 11 March 2026

**Annex 1: Hearing Schedule**

<b>MATTER</b>	<b>ALLOCATED TIME</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Wednesday, 18 March 2026</b>		
Rwanda's opening submissions	1 hour 45 minutes	9:30–11:15
Morning break	15 minutes	11:15–11:30
Rwanda's opening submissions	1 hour 30 minutes	11:30–13:00
<b>Thursday, 19 March 2026</b>		
United Kingdom's opening submissions	1 hour 45 minutes	9:30–11:15
Morning break	15 minutes	11:15–11:30
United Kingdom's opening submissions	1 hour 30 minutes	11:30–13:00
<b>Friday, 20 March 2026</b>		
Rwanda's reply submissions	1 hour	9:30–10:30
Break		10:30–14:00
United Kingdom's reply submissions	1 hour	14:00–15:00