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**MEXICO AND THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION SIGN A
FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Mexico City, Mexico, and The Hague, The Netherlands

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The Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs concluded a Framework Cooperation Agreement with the objective of promoting resort to peaceful means of dispute settlement such as arbitration, mediation and conciliation, and capacity-building in these matters, among others, during a ceremony that took place at the Peace Palace, the seat of this international court.

The Agreement with the Permanent Court of Arbitration - which is the world's oldest institution dedicated to the resolution of international disputes - will aid in developing the court's activities in Mexico, including the exchange of information; the organization of seminars, workshops and similar events; increasing the awareness of the Court's activities related to arbitration and dispute settlement; promoting an internship program; acting as a bridge between the academy and the private sector; and working on joint publications.

The Ambassador of Mexico in The Netherlands, José Antonio Zabalgoitia Trejo, handed the original instrument signed on 20 November 2020 by the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon, to the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Mr. Hugo Siblesz, at a ceremony that took place at the Peace Palace, headquarters of the organization in The Hague, The Netherlands.

The signature of the Framework Cooperation Agreement will thus enhance the participation of Mexican municipal, state and federal authorities in the activities of this international organization, which was established in 1899.

This Agreement is of special relevance to the Parties, as it is the first of its kind, and the first step towards the eventual conclusion of a Host Country Agreement with, in order to allow the Permanent Court of Arbitration to establish a facility in Mexico.