

**PRESS RELEASE****VANUATU DEPOSITS INSTRUMENT OF ADHERENCE TO 1907 HAGUE CONVENTION
FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

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On Wednesday, 12 June 2024, during the inaugural session of the Congress of the Members of the Court of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the "PCA"), Vanuatu deposited its Instrument of Accession to the 1907 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, the depository of the Convention. It shall thereby become a Contracting Party of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, with effect from 11 August 2024.

Vanuatu's instrument of adherence was presented by H.E. Georges Maniuri, Ambassador of Vanuatu to Brussels and to the EU, accompanied by Ms. Lee-Anne Sackett, Legal Affairs Manager of the Office of the Attorney-General. Receipt of Vanuatu's instrument was confirmed by Mr. Jules van Eijndhoven, Head of the Treaties Division of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Vanuatu will be the 123rd Contracting Party of the PCA.

The PCA welcomes this expression of support for the work of the PCA and the peaceful settlement of international disputes on the occasion of the Court's 125th Anniversary.



Pictured (from l. to r.): H.E. Georges Maniuri, Ambassador of Vanuatu to Brussels and to the EU and Dr. hab. Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the PCA.



Pictured (from l. to r.): Mr. Martin Doe Rodríguez, Deputy Secretary-General and Principal Legal Counsel of the PCA, Ms. Lee-Anne Sackett, Legal Affairs Manager of the Office of the Attorney-General of Vanuatu, H.E. Georges Maniuri, Ambassador of Vanuatu to Brussels and to the EU, Dr. hab Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the PCA and Mr. Garth Schofield, Deputy Secretary-General and Principal Legal Counsel of the PCA.

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Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration

The Permanent Court of Arbitration is an intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA's International Bureau is currently administering six inter-state arbitrations, one other inter-state proceeding, 102 arbitrations arising under bilateral or multilateral investment treaties or national investment laws, 97 arbitrations arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity, and 5 other proceedings. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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