

**PRESS RELEASE****PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION ENTERS INTO
HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

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On Tuesday, 30 September 2025, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, H.E. Ms. Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio Mapy, and the Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration ("PCA"), H.E. Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak, signed a Host Country Agreement that will facilitate the conduct of PCA proceedings within the country.



In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the Republic of Colombia will make available facilities and services required for PCA-administered proceedings, such as office and meeting space and secretarial services, which may be offered at no cost to the disputing parties. The Agreement also grants privileges and immunities to arbitrators and other participants in PCA-administered cases.

Since the 1990s, the PCA has adopted a policy of concluding Host Country Agreements with its Contracting Parties with the goal of making its dispute resolution services more widely accessible throughout the world, not just at its headquarters at the Peace Palace in The Hague. Through such agreements, the host country and the PCA establish a legal framework within which PCA-administered proceedings (including arbitration, conciliation, mediation, and fact-finding commissions of inquiry) can be conducted in the territory of the host country on an ad hoc basis under conditions similar to those guaranteed by the PCA's Headquarters Agreement with the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Other

countries with which the PCA has concluded Host Country Agreements include Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Ecuador, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Mauritius, Paraguay, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Uruguay, and Viet Nam.



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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 126 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 seven inter-state arbitrations, one other inter-state proceeding, 90 arbitrations arising under bilateral or multilateral investment treaties or national investment laws, 93 arbitrations arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity, and 2 other proceedings. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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