

**PRESS RELEASE****THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA DEPOSITS ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE  
1907 HAGUE CONVENTION FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES**

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On Tuesday, 3 February 2026, the Republic of Botswana deposited its instrument of accession to the 1907 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes (the “1907 Hague Convention”) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the depository of the Convention. The Republic of Botswana will thereby become a Contracting Party of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the “PCA”), with effect from 4 April 2026.

The Republic of Botswana’s instrument of accession was presented by H.E. Ms. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in the presence of the Secretary-General of the PCA, H.E. Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak. The receipt was confirmed by Mr. Jules van Eijndhoven, Head of the Treaties Division of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Republic of Botswana will be the 128<sup>th</sup> Contracting Party of the PCA.

The PCA welcomes this expression of support for its work and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.



*Pictured (from l. to r.): Ms. Boineelo L. Shole, First Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana, Ms. Winnie T. Mogomela, Minister Counsellor and Head of Chancery at the Embassy of the Republic of Botswana, H.E. Ms. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, Ambassador of the Republic of Botswana to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mr. Jules van Eijndhoven, Head of the Treaties Division of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General of the PCA, Ms. Lise Bosman, Senior Legal Counsel at the PCA, and Mr. Rieks Boekholt, Senior Legal Officer at the Treaties Division of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

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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 127 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 eight inter-state arbitrations, one other inter-state proceeding, 92 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 seven other proceedings. More information about the PCA can be found at [www.pca-cpa.org](http://www.pca-cpa.org).

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