

**PRESS RELEASE****PCA CASE NO. 2023-65****ENERGY CHARTER TREATY ARBITRATION
(THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN V. THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA)**

THE HAGUE, 20 APRIL 2026

Tribunal Concludes Hearing

On 8 April 2026, the Arbitral Tribunal, constituted under Article 27 of the Energy Charter Treaty, concluded a Hearing on Preliminary Objections (“Hearing”). The Hearing took place from 7 to 8 April 2026 at the Peace Palace, The Hague, the headquarters of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (“PCA”).

In accordance with Article 23(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the Parties’ written pleadings have been published on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/312/>) on the opening of the Hearing. The transcripts of any parts of the Hearing that are public will be published on the PCA Case Repository in due course, under Article 23(4) of the Rules of Procedure. In accordance with the procedure established by the Arbitral Tribunal, a video recording of the Hearing will also be published on the PCA Case Repository in due course.

The delegation of Azerbaijan was led by its designated Agent, H.E. Mr. Elnur Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Republic of Azerbaijan. The delegation of Armenia was led by its designated Agent, H.E. Mr. Karen Andreyan, Representative of the Republic of Armenia on International Legal Matters.

In accordance with Article 23(6) of the Rules of Procedure, the Award shall be public and made publicly available on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/312/>) unless both Parties agree otherwise.

Background to the Dispute

The arbitral proceedings were instituted on 27 February 2023, when the Republic of Azerbaijan served on the Republic of Armenia a Notice of Arbitration, pursuant to Article 27 of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, 1976 (as modified by the Parties and Arbitral Tribunal).

The three-member Arbitral Tribunal is chaired by Ms. Jean E. Kalicki as President (a national of the United States of America). The other members are Professor Donald M. McRae (a national of Canada and New Zealand), who was appointed by the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Professor Brigitte Stern (a national of France), who was appointed by the Republic of Armenia. The PCA acts as Registry for the proceedings.

Further information about the proceedings is available on the PCA website: <https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/312/>.

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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 128 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, 86 arbitrations arising under bilateral or multilateral investment treaties or national investment law, 96 arbitrations arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity, and eight other proceedings. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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Arbitral Tribunal in Session



Arbitral Tribunal with Staff Members of the PCA and the Administrative Assistant



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