

**PRESS RELEASE****THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA DEPOSITS ITS INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE 1899 AND 1907 HAGUE CONVENTIONS FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES**

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On Monday, 20 July 2026, the Federal Republic of Somalia deposited its instruments of accession to the 1899 and 1907 Hague Conventions for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the depository of the Conventions. The Federal Republic of Somalia will thereby become the 129th Contracting Party of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (the "PCA").

The Federal Republic of Somalia's instruments of accession were presented by H.E. Dr. Khadija Ossoble Ali, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia 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 Federal Republic of Somalia's accession to the 1899 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes enters into force on 20 July 2026, and its accession to the 1907 Hague Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes will take effect on 18 September 2026.

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



Pictured (from l. to r.): Ms. Julia van Well, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General of the PCA, H.E. Dr. Khadija Ossoble Ali, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia, 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, and Mr. Jaffar Jama, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia.



Pictured: H.E. Dr. Khadija Ossoble Ali, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia, and H.E. Dr. Hab. Marcin Czepelak, Secretary-General 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 129 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, 90 arbitrations arising under bilateral or multilateral investment treaties or national investment laws, 101 arbitrations arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity, and 11 other proceedings. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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