

# 2021 Arbitration Rules

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**The below ICC Rules of Arbitration entered into force on 1 January 2021. They define and regulate the management of cases received by the International Court of Arbitration® from 1 January 2021 on.**

The ICC Arbitration Rules are used all around the world to resolve disputes. They assure parties of a neutral framework for the resolution of cross-border disputes.

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# INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

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## Article 1: International Court of Arbitration

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1)

The International Court of Arbitration (the “Court”) of the International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) is the independent arbitration body of ICC. The statutes of the Court are set forth in Appendix I.

2)

The Court does not itself resolve disputes. It administers the resolution of disputes by arbitral tribunals, in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration of ICC (the “Rules”). The Court is the only body authorized to administer arbitrations under the Rules, including the scrutiny and approval of awards rendered in accordance with the Rules. It draws up its own internal rules, which are set forth in Appendix II (the “Internal Rules”).

3)

The President of the Court (the “President”) shall have the power to take urgent decisions on behalf of the Court, provided that any such decision is reported to the Court at one of its next sessions. At the President’s request, in the President’s absence or otherwise where the President is unable to act, one of the Vice-Presidents shall have the same power.

4)

As provided for in the Internal Rules, the Court may delegate to one or more committees composed of its members the power to take certain decisions, provided that any such decision is reported to the Court at one of its next sessions.

5)

The Court is assisted in its work by the Secretariat of the Court (the “Secretariat”) under the direction of its Secretary General (the “Secretary General”).

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## Article 2: Definitions

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In the Rules:

- (i) “arbitral tribunal” includes one or more arbitrators;
- (ii) “claimant” includes one or more claimants, “respondent” includes one or more respondents, and “additional party” includes one or more additional parties;

- (iii) “party” or “parties” include claimants, respondents or additional parties;
- (iv) “claim” or “claims” include any claim by any party against any other party;
- (v) “award” includes, *inter alia*, an interim, partial, final, or additional award.

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### **Article 3: Written Notifications or Communications; Time Limits**

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1)

Save as otherwise provided in Articles 4(4)(b) and 5(3), all pleadings and other written communications submitted by any party, as well as all documents annexed thereto, shall be sent to each party, each arbitrator, and the Secretariat. Any notification or communication from the arbitral tribunal to the parties shall also be sent in copy to the Secretariat.

2)

All notifications or communications from the Secretariat and the arbitral tribunal shall be made to the last address of the party or its representative for whom the same are intended, as notified either by the party in question or by any other party. Such notification or communication may be made by delivery against receipt, registered post, courier, email, or any other means of telecommunication that provides a record of the sending thereof.

3)

A notification or communication shall be deemed to have been made on the day it was received by the party itself or by its representative, or would have been received if made in accordance with Article 3(2).

4)

Periods of time specified in or fixed under the Rules shall start to run on the day following the date a notification or communication is deemed to have been made in accordance with Article 3(3). When the day next following such date is an official holiday, or a non-business day in the country where the notification or communication is deemed to have been made, the period of time shall commence on the first following business day. Official holidays and non-business days are included in the calculation of the period of time. If the last day of the relevant period of time granted is an official holiday or a non-business day in the country where the notification or communication is deemed to have been made, the period of time shall expire at the end of the first following business day.

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## **COMMENCING THE ARBITRATION**

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### **Article 4: Request for Arbitration**

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1)

A party wishing to have recourse to arbitration under the Rules shall submit its Request for Arbitration (the “Request”) to the Secretariat at any of the offices specified in the

Internal Rules. The Secretariat shall notify the claimant and respondent of the receipt of the Request and the date of such receipt.

2)

The date on which the Request is received by the Secretariat shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be the date of the commencement of the arbitration.

3)

The Request shall contain the following information:

- a) the name in full, description, address and other contact details of each of the parties;
- b) the name in full, address and other contact details of any person(s) representing the claimant in the arbitration;
- c) a description of the nature and circumstances of the dispute giving rise to the claims and of the basis upon which the claims are made;
- d) a statement of the relief sought, together with the amounts of any quantified claims and, to the extent possible, an estimate of the monetary value of any other claims;
- e) any relevant agreements and, in particular, the arbitration agreement(s);
- f) where claims are made under more than one arbitration agreement, an indication of the arbitration agreement under which each claim is made;
- g) all relevant particulars and any observations or proposals concerning the number of arbitrators and their choice in accordance with the provisions of Articles 12 and 13, and any nomination of an arbitrator required thereby; and
- h) all relevant particulars and any observations or proposals as to the place of the arbitration, the applicable rules of law and the language of the arbitration.

The claimant may submit such other documents or information with the Request as it considers appropriate or as may contribute to the efficient resolution of the dispute.

4)

Together with the Request, the claimant shall:

- a) make payment of the filing fee required by Appendix III (“Arbitration Costs and Fees”) in force on the date the Request is submitted; and
- b) submit a sufficient number of copies of the Request for each other party, each arbitrator and the Secretariat where the claimant requests transmission of the Request by delivery against receipt, registered post or courier.

In the event that the claimant fails to comply with either of these requirements, the Secretariat may fix a time limit within which the claimant must comply, failing which the file shall be closed without prejudice to the claimant’s right to submit the same claims at a later date in another Request.

5)

The Secretariat shall transmit a copy of the Request and the documents annexed thereto to the respondent for its Answer to the Request once the Secretariat has sufficient copies of the Request and the required filing fee.

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## Article 5: Answer to the Request; Counterclaims

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1)

Within 30 days from receipt of the Request from the Secretariat, the respondent shall submit an Answer (the “Answer”) which shall contain the following information:

- a) its name in full, description, address and other contact details;
- b) the name in full, address and other contact details of any person(s) representing the respondent in the arbitration;
- c) its comments as to the nature and circumstances of the dispute giving rise to the claims and the basis upon which the claims are made;
- d) its response to the relief sought;
- e) any observations or proposals concerning the number of arbitrators and their choice in light of the claimant’s proposals and in accordance with the provisions of Articles 12 and 13, and any nomination of an arbitrator required thereby; and
- f) any observations or proposals as to the place of the arbitration, the applicable rules of law and the language of the arbitration.

The respondent may submit such other documents or information with the Answer as it considers appropriate or as may contribute to the efficient resolution of the dispute.

2)

The Secretariat may grant the respondent an extension of the time for submitting the Answer, provided the application for such an extension contains the respondent’s observations or proposals concerning the number of arbitrators and their choice and, where required by Articles 12 and 13, the nomination of an arbitrator. If the respondent fails to do so, the Court shall proceed in accordance with the Rules.

3)

The Answer shall be submitted in a sufficient number of copies for each other party, each arbitrator and the Secretariat where the respondent requests transmission thereof by delivery against receipt, registered post or courier.

4)

The Secretariat shall communicate the Answer and the documents annexed thereto to all other parties.

5)

Any counterclaims made by the respondent shall be submitted with the Answer and shall provide:

- a) a description of the nature and circumstances of the dispute giving rise to the counterclaims and of the basis upon which the counterclaims are made;
- b) a statement of the relief sought together with the amounts of any quantified counterclaims and, to the extent possible, an estimate of the monetary value of any other counterclaims;
- c) any relevant agreements and, in particular, the arbitration agreement(s); and
- d) where counterclaims are made under more than one arbitration agreement, an indication of the arbitration agreement under which each counterclaim is made.



The respondent may submit such other documents or information with the counterclaims as it considers appropriate or as may contribute to the efficient resolution of the dispute.

6)

The claimant shall submit a reply to any counterclaim within 30 days from receipt of the counterclaims communicated by the Secretariat. Prior to the transmission of the file to the arbitral tribunal, the Secretariat may grant the claimant an extension of time for submitting the reply.

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## **Article 6: Effect of the Arbitration Agreement**

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1)

Where the parties have agreed to submit to arbitration under the Rules, they shall be deemed to have submitted ipso facto to the Rules in effect on the date of commencement of the arbitration, unless they have agreed to submit to the Rules in effect on the date of their arbitration agreement.

2)

By agreeing to arbitration under the Rules, the parties have accepted that the arbitration shall be administered by the Court.

3)

If any party against which a claim has been made does not submit an Answer, or if any party raises one or more pleas concerning the existence, validity or scope of the arbitration agreement or concerning whether all of the claims made in the arbitration may be determined together in a single arbitration, the arbitration shall proceed and any question of jurisdiction or of whether the claims may be determined together in that arbitration shall be decided directly by the arbitral tribunal, unless the Secretary General refers the matter to the Court for its decision pursuant to Article 6(4).

4)

In all cases referred to the Court under Article 6(3), the Court shall decide whether and to what extent the arbitration shall proceed. The arbitration shall proceed if and to the extent that the Court is prima facie satisfied that an arbitration agreement under the Rules may exist. In particular:

- (i) where there are more than two parties to the arbitration, the arbitration shall proceed between those of the parties, including any additional parties joined pursuant to Article 7(1), with respect to which the Court is prima facie satisfied that an arbitration agreement under the Rules that binds them all may exist; and
- (ii) where claims pursuant to Article 9 are made under more than one arbitration agreement, the arbitration shall proceed as to those claims with respect to which the Court is prima facie satisfied (a) that the arbitration agreements under which those claims are made may be compatible, and (b) that all parties to the arbitration may have agreed that those claims can be determined together in a single arbitration.

The Court's decision pursuant to Article 6(4) is without prejudice to the admissibility or merits of any party's plea or pleas.

5)

In all matters decided by the Court under Article 6(4), any decision as to the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal, except as to parties or claims with respect to which the Court decides that the arbitration cannot proceed, shall then be taken by the arbitral tribunal itself.

6)

Where the parties are notified of the Court's decision pursuant to Article 6(4) that the arbitration cannot proceed in respect of some or all of them, any party retains the right to ask any court having jurisdiction whether or not, and in respect of which of them, there is a binding arbitration agreement.

7)

Where the Court has decided pursuant to Article 6(4) that the arbitration cannot proceed in respect of any of the claims, such decision shall not prevent a party from reintroducing the same claim at a later date in other proceedings.

8)

If any of the parties refuses or fails to take part in the arbitration or any stage thereof, the arbitration shall proceed notwithstanding such refusal or failure.

9)

Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitral tribunal shall not cease to have jurisdiction by reason of any allegation that the contract is non-existent or null and void, provided that the arbitral tribunal upholds the validity of the arbitration agreement. The arbitral tribunal shall continue to have jurisdiction to determine the parties' respective rights and to decide their claims and pleas even though the contract itself may be non-existent or null and void.

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## **MULTIPLE PARTIES, MULTIPLE CONTRACTS AND CONSOLIDATION**

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### **Article 7: Joinder of Additional Parties**

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1)

A party wishing to join an additional party to the arbitration shall submit its request for arbitration against the additional party (the "Request for Joinder") to the Secretariat. The date on which the Request for Joinder is received by the Secretariat shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be the date of the commencement of arbitration against the additional party. Any such joinder shall be subject to the provisions of Articles 6(3)–6(7) and 9. Unless all parties, including the additional party, otherwise agree, or as provided for in Article 7(5), no additional party may be joined after the confirmation or appointment of any arbitrator. The Secretariat may fix a time limit for the submission of a Request for Joinder.

2)

The Request for Joinder shall contain the following information:

- a) the case reference of the existing arbitration;
- b) the name in full, description, address and other contact details of each of the parties, including the additional party; and
- c) the information specified in Article 4(3), subparagraphs c), d), e) and f).

The party filing the Request for Joinder may submit therewith such other documents or information as it considers appropriate or as may contribute to the efficient resolution of the dispute.

3)

The provisions of Articles 4(4) and 4(5) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Request for Joinder.

4)

The additional party shall submit an Answer in accordance, *mutatis mutandis*, with the provisions of Articles 5(1)–5(4). The additional party may make claims against any other party in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.

5)

Any Request for Joinder made after the confirmation or appointment of any arbitrator shall be decided by the arbitral tribunal once constituted and shall be subject to the additional party accepting the constitution of the arbitral tribunal and agreeing to the Terms of Reference, where applicable. In deciding on such a Request for Joinder, the arbitral tribunal shall take into account all relevant circumstances, which may include whether the arbitral tribunal has *prima facie* jurisdiction over the additional party, the timing of the Request for Joinder, possible conflicts of interests and the impact of the joinder on the arbitral procedure. Any decision to join an additional party is without prejudice to the arbitral tribunal's decision as to its jurisdiction with respect to that party.

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## **Article 8: Claims Between Multiple Parties**

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1)

In an arbitration with multiple parties, claims may be made by any party against any other party, subject to the provisions of Articles 6(3)-6(7) and 9 and provided that no new claims may be made after the Terms of Reference are signed or approved by the Court without the authorization of the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 23(4).

2)

Any party making a claim pursuant to Article 8(1) shall provide the information specified in Article 4(3) subparagraphs c), d), e) and f).

3)

Before the Secretariat transmits the file to the arbitral tribunal in accordance with Article 16, the following provisions shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to any claim made: Article 4(4) subparagraph b); Article 4(5); Article 5(1) except for subparagraphs a), b), e) and f); Article 5(2); Article 5(3) and Article 5(4). Thereafter, the arbitral tribunal shall determine

the procedure for making a claim.

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## **Article 9: Multiple Contracts**

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Subject to the provisions of Articles 6(3)-6(7) and 23(4), claims arising out of or in connection with more than one contract may be made in a single arbitration, irrespective of whether such claims are made under one or more than one arbitration agreement under the Rules.

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## **Article 10: Consolidation of Arbitrations**

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The Court may, at the request of a party, consolidate two or more arbitrations pending under the Rules into a single arbitration, where:

- a) the parties have agreed to consolidation; or
- b) all of the claims in the arbitrations are made under the same arbitration agreement or agreements; or
- c) the claims in the arbitrations are not made under the same arbitration agreement or agreements, but the arbitrations are between the same parties, the disputes in the arbitrations arise in connection with the same legal relationship, and the Court finds the arbitration agreements to be compatible.

In deciding whether to consolidate, the Court may take into account any circumstances it considers to be relevant, including whether one or more arbitrators have been confirmed or appointed in more than one of the arbitrations and, if so, whether the same or different persons have been confirmed or appointed.

When arbitrations are consolidated, they shall be consolidated into the arbitration that commenced first, unless otherwise agreed by all parties.

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## **THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL**

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### **Article 11: General Provisions**

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1)  
Every arbitrator must be and remain impartial and independent of the parties involved in the arbitration.

2)  
Before appointment or confirmation, a prospective arbitrator shall sign a statement of acceptance, availability, impartiality and independence. The prospective arbitrator shall

disclose in writing to the Secretariat any facts or circumstances which might be of such a nature as to call into question the arbitrator's independence in the eyes of the parties, as well as any circumstances that could give rise to reasonable doubts as to the arbitrator's impartiality. The Secretariat shall provide such information to the parties in writing and fix a time limit for any comments from them.

3)

An arbitrator shall immediately disclose in writing to the Secretariat and to the parties any facts or circumstances of a similar nature to those referred to in Article 11(2) concerning the arbitrator's impartiality or independence which may arise during the arbitration.

4)

The decisions of the Court as to the appointment, confirmation, challenge or replacement of an arbitrator shall be final.

5)

By accepting to serve, arbitrators undertake to carry out their responsibilities in accordance with the Rules.

6)

Insofar as the parties have not provided otherwise, the arbitral tribunal shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of Articles 12 and 13.

7)

In order to assist prospective arbitrators and arbitrators in complying with their duties under Articles 11(2) and 11(3), each party must promptly inform the Secretariat, the arbitral tribunal and the other parties, of the existence and identity of any non-party which has entered into an arrangement for the funding of claims or defences and under which it has an economic interest in the outcome of the arbitration.

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## **Article 12: Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal**

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### **Number of Arbitrators**

1)

The disputes shall be decided by a sole arbitrator or by three arbitrators.

2)

Where the parties have not agreed upon the number of arbitrators, the Court shall appoint a sole arbitrator, save where it appears to the Court that the dispute is such as to warrant the appointment of three arbitrators. In such case, the claimant shall nominate an arbitrator within 15 days from receipt of the notification of the decision of the Court, and the respondent shall nominate an arbitrator within 15 days from receipt of the notification of the nomination made by the claimant. If a party fails to nominate an arbitrator, the appointment shall be made by the Court.

### **Sole Arbitrator**

3)

Where the parties have agreed that the dispute shall be resolved by a sole arbitrator, they

may, by agreement, nominate the sole arbitrator for confirmation. If the parties fail to nominate a sole arbitrator within 30 days from the date when the claimant's Request for Arbitration has been received by the other party or parties, or within such additional time as may be allowed by the Secretariat, the sole arbitrator shall be appointed by the Court.

### **Three Arbitrators**

4)

Where the parties have agreed that the dispute shall be resolved by three arbitrators, each party shall nominate in the Request and the Answer, respectively, one arbitrator for confirmation. If a party fails to nominate an arbitrator, the appointment shall be made by the Court.

5)

Where the dispute is to be referred to three arbitrators, the third arbitrator, who will act as president of the arbitral tribunal, shall be appointed by the Court, unless the parties have agreed upon another procedure for such appointment, in which case the nomination will be subject to confirmation pursuant to Article 13. Should such procedure not result in a nomination within 30 days from the confirmation or appointment of the co-arbitrators or any other time limit agreed by the parties or fixed by the Court, the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the Court.

6)

Where there are multiple claimants or multiple respondents, and where the dispute is to be referred to three arbitrators, the multiple claimants, jointly, and the multiple respondents, jointly, shall nominate an arbitrator for confirmation pursuant to Article 13.

7)

Where an additional party has been joined, (Article 7(1)), and where the dispute is to be referred to three arbitrators, the additional party may, jointly with the claimant(s) or with the respondent(s), nominate an arbitrator for confirmation pursuant to Article 13 and subject to Article 7(5).

8)

In the absence of a joint nomination pursuant to Articles 12(6) or 12(7) and where all parties are unable to agree to a method for the constitution of the arbitral tribunal, the Court may appoint each member of the arbitral tribunal and shall designate one of them to act as president. In such cases, the Court shall be at liberty to choose any person it regards as suitable to act as arbitrator, applying Article 13 when it considers this appropriate.

9)

Notwithstanding any agreement by the parties on the method of constitution of the arbitral tribunal, in exceptional circumstances the Court may appoint each member of the arbitral tribunal to avoid a significant risk of unequal treatment and unfairness that may affect the validity of the award.

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## **Article 13: Appointment and Confirmation of the Arbitrators**

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1)

In confirming or appointing arbitrators, the Court shall consider the prospective arbitrator's nationality, residence and other relationships with the countries of which the parties or the other arbitrators are nationals and the prospective arbitrator's availability and ability to conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Rules. The same shall apply where the Secretary General confirms arbitrators pursuant to Article 13(2).

2)

The Secretary General may confirm as co-arbitrators, sole arbitrators and presidents of arbitral tribunals persons nominated by the parties or pursuant to their particular agreements, provided that the statement they have submitted contains no qualification regarding impartiality or independence or that a qualified statement regarding impartiality or independence has not given rise to objections. Such confirmation shall be reported to the Court at one of its next sessions. If the Secretary General considers that a co-arbitrator, sole arbitrator or president of an arbitral tribunal should not be confirmed, the matter shall be submitted to the Court.

3)

Where the Court is to appoint an arbitrator, it shall make the appointment upon proposal of an ICC National Committee or Group that it considers to be appropriate. If the Court does not accept the proposal made, or if the National Committee or Group fails to make the proposal requested within the time limit fixed by the Court, the Court may repeat its request, request a proposal from another National Committee or Group that it considers to be appropriate, or appoint directly any person whom it regards as suitable.

4)

The Court may also appoint directly to act as arbitrator any person whom it regards as suitable where:

- a) one or more of the parties is a state or may be considered to be a state entity;
- b) the Court considers that it would be appropriate to appoint an arbitrator from a country or territory where there is no National Committee or Group; or
- c) the President certifies to the Court that circumstances exist which, in the President's opinion, make a direct appointment necessary and appropriate.

5)

Where the Court is to appoint the sole arbitrator or the president of the arbitral tribunal, such sole arbitrator or president of the arbitral tribunal shall be of a nationality other than those of the parties. However, in suitable circumstances and provided that none of the parties objects within the time limit fixed by the Secretariat, the sole arbitrator or the president of the arbitral tribunal may be chosen from a country of which any of the parties is a national.

6)

Whenever the arbitration agreement upon which the arbitration is based arises from a treaty, and unless the parties agree otherwise, no arbitrator shall have the same nationality of any party to the arbitration.

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## **Article 14: Challenge of Arbitrators**

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1)

A challenge of an arbitrator, whether for an alleged lack of impartiality or independence, or otherwise, shall be made by the submission to the Secretariat of a written statement specifying the facts and circumstances on which the challenge is based.

2)

For a challenge to be admissible, it must be submitted by a party either within 30 days from receipt by that party of the notification of the appointment or confirmation of the arbitrator, or within 30 days from the date when the party making the challenge was informed of the facts and circumstances on which the challenge is based if such date is subsequent to the receipt of such notification.

3)

The Court shall decide on the admissibility and, at the same time, if necessary, on the merits of a challenge after the Secretariat has afforded an opportunity for the arbitrator concerned, the other party or parties and any other members of the arbitral tribunal to comment in writing within a suitable period of time. Such comments shall be communicated to the parties and to the arbitrators.

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## **Article 15: Replacement of Arbitrators**

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1)

An arbitrator shall be replaced upon death, upon acceptance by the Court of the arbitrator's resignation, upon acceptance by the Court of a challenge, or upon acceptance by the Court of a request of all the parties.

2)

An arbitrator shall also be replaced on the Court's own initiative when it decides that the arbitrator is prevented de jure or de facto from fulfilling the arbitrator's functions, or that the arbitrator is not fulfilling those functions in accordance with the Rules or within the prescribed time limits.

3)

When, on the basis of information that has come to its attention, the Court considers applying Article 15(2), it shall decide on the matter after the arbitrator concerned, the parties and any other members of the arbitral tribunal have had an opportunity to comment in writing within a suitable period of time. Such comments shall be communicated to the parties and to the arbitrators.

4)

When an arbitrator is to be replaced, the Court has discretion to decide whether or not to follow the original nominating process. Once reconstituted, and after having invited the parties to comment, the arbitral tribunal shall determine if and to what extent prior proceedings shall be repeated before the reconstituted arbitral tribunal.



5)

Subsequent to the closing of the proceedings, instead of replacing an arbitrator who has died or been removed by the Court pursuant to Articles 15(1) or 15(2), the Court may decide, when it considers it appropriate, that the remaining arbitrators shall continue the arbitration. In making such determination, the Court shall take into account the views of the remaining arbitrators and of the parties and such other matters that it considers appropriate in the circumstances.

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## **THE ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS**

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### **Article 16: Transmission of the File to the Arbitral Tribunal**

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The Secretariat shall transmit the file to the arbitral tribunal as soon as it has been constituted, provided the advance on costs requested by the Secretariat at this stage has been paid.

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### **Article 17: Party Representation**

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1)

Each party must promptly inform the Secretariat, the arbitral tribunal and the other parties of any changes in its representation.

2)

The arbitral tribunal may, once constituted and after it has afforded an opportunity to the parties to comment in writing within a suitable period of time, take any measure necessary to avoid a conflict of interest of an arbitrator arising from a change in party representation, including the exclusion of new party representatives from participating in whole or in part in the arbitral proceedings.

3)

At any time after the commencement of the arbitration, the arbitral tribunal or the Secretariat may require proof of the authority of any party representatives.

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### **Article 18: Place of the Arbitration**

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1)

The place of the arbitration shall be fixed by the Court, unless agreed upon by the parties.

2)

The arbitral tribunal may, after consulting the parties, conduct hearings and meetings at

any location it considers appropriate, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

3)

The arbitral tribunal may deliberate at any location it considers appropriate.

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## **Article 19: Rules Governing the Proceedings**

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The proceedings before the arbitral tribunal shall be governed by the Rules and, where the Rules are silent, by any rules which the parties or, failing them, the arbitral tribunal may settle on, whether or not reference is thereby made to the rules of procedure of a national law to be applied to the arbitration.

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## **Article 20: Language of the Arbitration**

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In the absence of an agreement by the parties, the arbitral tribunal shall determine the language or languages of the arbitration, due regard being given to all relevant circumstances, including the language of the contract.

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## **Article 21: Applicable Rules of Law**

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1)

The parties shall be free to agree upon the rules of law to be applied by the arbitral tribunal to the merits of the dispute. In the absence of any such agreement, the arbitral tribunal shall apply the rules of law which it determines to be appropriate.

2)

The arbitral tribunal shall take account of the provisions of the contract, if any, between the parties and of any relevant trade usages.

3)

The arbitral tribunal shall assume the powers of an amiable compositeur or decide ex aequo et bono only if the parties have agreed to give it such powers.

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## **Article 22: Conduct of the Arbitration**

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1)

The arbitral tribunal and the parties shall make every effort to conduct the arbitration in an expeditious and cost-effective manner, having regard to the complexity and value of the dispute.

2)

In order to ensure effective case management, after consulting the parties, the arbitral tribunal shall adopt such procedural measures as it considers appropriate, provided that they are not contrary to any agreement of the parties. Such measures may include one or more of the case management techniques described in Appendix IV.

3)

Upon the request of any party, the arbitral tribunal may make orders concerning the confidentiality of the arbitration proceedings or of any other matters in connection with the arbitration and may take measures for protecting trade secrets and confidential information.

4)

In all cases, the arbitral tribunal shall act fairly and impartially and ensure that each party has a reasonable opportunity to present its case.

5)

The parties undertake to comply with any order made by the arbitral tribunal.

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## **Article 23: Terms of Reference**

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1)

As soon as it has received the file from the Secretariat, the arbitral tribunal shall draw up, on the basis of documents or in the presence of the parties and in the light of their most recent submissions, a document defining its Terms of Reference. This document shall include the following particulars:

a) the names in full, description, address and other contact details of each of the parties and of any person(s) representing a party in the arbitration;

b) the addresses to which notifications and communications arising in the course of the arbitration may be made;

c) a summary of the parties' respective claims and of the relief sought by each party, together with the amounts of any quantified claims and, to the extent possible, an estimate of the monetary value of any other claims;

d) unless the arbitral tribunal considers it inappropriate, a list of issues to be determined;

e) the names in full, address and other contact details of each of the arbitrators;

f) the place of the arbitration; and

g) particulars of the applicable procedural rules and, if such is the case, reference to the power conferred upon the arbitral tribunal to act as amiable compositeur or to decide ex aequo et bono.

2)

The Terms of Reference shall be signed by the parties and the arbitral tribunal. Within 30 days from the date on which the file has been transmitted to it, the arbitral tribunal shall transmit to the Court the Terms of Reference signed by it and by the parties. The Court may extend this time limit pursuant to a reasoned request from the arbitral tribunal or on its own initiative if it decides it is necessary to do so.

3)

If any of the parties refuses to take part in the drawing up of the Terms of Reference or to sign the same, they shall be submitted to the Court for approval. When the Terms of Reference have been signed in accordance with Article 23(2) or approved by the Court, the arbitration shall proceed.

4)

After the Terms of Reference have been signed or approved by the Court, no party shall make new claims which fall outside the limits of the Terms of Reference unless it has been authorized to do so by the arbitral tribunal, which shall consider the nature of such new claims, the stage of the arbitration and other relevant circumstances.

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## **Article 24: Case Management Conference and Procedural Timetable**

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1)

When drawing up the Terms of Reference or as soon as possible thereafter, the arbitral tribunal shall hold a case management conference to consult the parties on procedural measures that may be adopted pursuant to Article 22(2).

2)

During such conference, or as soon as possible thereafter, the arbitral tribunal shall establish the procedural timetable that it intends to follow for the efficient conduct of the arbitration. The procedural timetable and any modifications thereto shall be communicated to the Court and the parties.

3)

To ensure continued effective case management, the arbitral tribunal, after consulting the parties by means of a further case management conference or otherwise, may adopt further procedural measures or modify the procedural timetable.

4)

Case management conferences may be conducted through a meeting in person, by video conference, telephone or similar means of communication. In the absence of an agreement of the parties, the arbitral tribunal shall determine the means by which the conference will be conducted. The arbitral tribunal may request the parties to submit case management proposals in advance of a case management conference and may request the attendance at any case management conference of the parties in person or through an internal representative.

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## **Article 25: Establishing the Facts of the Case**

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1)

The arbitral tribunal shall proceed within as short a time as possible to establish the facts of the case by all appropriate means.

2)

The arbitral tribunal may decide to hear witnesses, experts appointed by the parties or

any other person, in the presence of the parties, or in their absence provided they have been duly summoned.

3)

The arbitral tribunal, after consulting the parties, may appoint one or more experts, define their terms of reference and receive their reports. At the request of a party, the parties shall be given the opportunity to question at a hearing any such expert.

4)

At any time during the proceedings, the arbitral tribunal may summon any party to provide additional evidence.

5)

The arbitral tribunal may decide the case solely on the documents submitted by the parties unless any of the parties requests a hearing.

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## **Article 26: Hearings**

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1)

A hearing shall be held if any of the parties so requests or, failing such a request, if the arbitral tribunal on its own motion decides to hear the parties. When a hearing is to be held, the arbitral tribunal, giving reasonable notice, shall summon the parties to appear before it on the day and at the place fixed by it. The arbitral tribunal may decide, after consulting the parties, and on the basis of the relevant facts and circumstances of the case, that any hearing will be conducted by physical attendance or remotely by videoconference, telephone or other appropriate means of communication.

2)

If any of the parties, although duly summoned, fails to appear without valid excuse, the arbitral tribunal shall have the power to proceed with the hearing.

3)

The arbitral tribunal shall be in full charge of the hearings, at which all the parties shall be entitled to be present. Save with the approval of the arbitral tribunal and the parties, persons not involved in the proceedings shall not be admitted.

4)

The parties may appear in person or through duly authorized representatives. In addition, they may be assisted by advisers.

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## **Article 27: Closing of the Proceedings and Date for Submission of Draft Awards**

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As soon as possible after the last hearing concerning matters to be decided in an award or the filing of the last authorized submissions concerning such matters, whichever is later, the arbitral tribunal shall:

a) declare the proceedings closed with respect to the matters to be decided in the award;

and

b) inform the Secretariat and the parties of the date by which it expects to submit its draft award to the Court for approval pursuant to Article 34.

After the proceedings are closed, no further submission or argument may be made, or evidence produced, with respect to the matters to be decided in the award, unless requested or authorized by the arbitral tribunal.

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## **Article 28: Conservatory and Interim Measures**

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1)

Unless the parties have otherwise agreed, as soon as the file has been transmitted to it, the arbitral tribunal may, at the request of a party, order any interim or conservatory measure it deems appropriate. The arbitral tribunal may make the granting of any such measure subject to appropriate security being furnished by the requesting party. Any such measure shall take the form of an order, giving reasons, or of an award, as the arbitral tribunal considers appropriate.

2)

Before the file is transmitted to the arbitral tribunal, and in appropriate circumstances even thereafter, the parties may apply to any competent judicial authority for interim or conservatory measures. The application of a party to a judicial authority for such measures or for the implementation of any such measures ordered by an arbitral tribunal shall not be deemed to be an infringement or a waiver of the arbitration agreement and shall not affect the relevant powers reserved to the arbitral tribunal. Any such application and any measures taken by the judicial authority must be notified without delay to the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall inform the arbitral tribunal thereof.

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## **Article 29: Emergency Arbitrator**

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1)

A party that needs urgent interim or conservatory measures that cannot await the constitution of an arbitral tribunal (“Emergency Measures”) may make an application for such measures pursuant to the Emergency Arbitrator Rules in Appendix V. Any such application shall be accepted only if it is received by the Secretariat prior to the transmission of the file to the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 16 and irrespective of whether the party making the application has already submitted its Request for Arbitration.

2)

The emergency arbitrator’s decision shall take the form of an order. The parties undertake to comply with any order made by the emergency arbitrator.

3)

The emergency arbitrator’s order shall not bind the arbitral tribunal with respect to any

question, issue or dispute determined in the order. The arbitral tribunal may modify, terminate or annul the order or any modification thereto made by the emergency arbitrator.

4)

The arbitral tribunal shall decide upon any party's requests or claims related to the emergency arbitrator proceedings, including the reallocation of the costs of such proceedings and any claims arising out of or in connection with the compliance or non-compliance with the order.

5)

Articles 29(1)-29(4) and the Emergency Arbitrator Rules set forth in Appendix V (collectively the "Emergency Arbitrator Provisions") shall apply only to parties that are either signatories of the arbitration agreement under the Rules that is relied upon for the application or successors to such signatories.

6)

The Emergency Arbitrator Provisions shall not apply if:

- a) the arbitration agreement under the Rules was concluded before 1 January 2012;
- b) the parties have agreed to opt out of the Emergency Arbitrator Provisions; or
- c) the arbitration agreement upon which the application is based arises from a treaty.

7)

The Emergency Arbitrator Provisions are not intended to prevent any party from seeking urgent interim or conservatory measures from a competent judicial authority at any time prior to making an application for such measures, and in appropriate circumstances even thereafter, pursuant to the Rules. Any application for such measures from a competent judicial authority shall not be deemed to be an infringement or a waiver of the arbitration agreement. Any such application and any measures taken by the judicial authority must be notified without delay to the Secretariat.

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## **Article 30: Expedited Procedure**

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1)

By agreeing to arbitration under the Rules, the parties agree that this Article 30 and the Expedited Procedure Rules set forth in Appendix VI (collectively the "Expedited Procedure Provisions") shall take precedence over any contrary terms of the arbitration agreement.

2)

The Expedited Procedure Rules set forth in Appendix VI shall apply if:

- a) the amount in dispute does not exceed the limit set out in Article 1(2) of Appendix VI at the time of the communication referred to in Article 1(3) of that Appendix; or
- b) the parties so agree.

3)

The Expedited Procedure Provisions shall not apply if:

- a) the arbitration agreement under the Rules was concluded before the date on which the Expedited Procedure Provisions came into force;
- b) the parties have agreed to opt out of the Expedited Procedure Provisions; or
- c) the Court, upon the request of a party before the constitution of the arbitral tribunal or on its own motion, determines that it is inappropriate in the circumstances to apply the Expedited Procedure Provisions.

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## **AWARDS**

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### **Article 31: Time Limit for the Final Award**

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1)

The time limit within which the arbitral tribunal must render its final award is six months. Such time limit shall start to run from the date of the last signature by the arbitral tribunal or by the parties of the Terms of Reference or, in the case of application of Article 23(3), the date of the notification to the arbitral tribunal by the Secretariat of the approval of the Terms of Reference by the Court. The Court may fix a different time limit based upon the procedural timetable established pursuant to Article 24(2).

2)

The Court may extend the time limit pursuant to a reasoned request from the arbitral tribunal or on its own initiative if it decides it is necessary to do so.

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### **Article 32: Making of the Award**

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1)

When the arbitral tribunal is composed of more than one arbitrator, an award is made by a majority decision. If there is no majority, the award shall be made by the president of the arbitral tribunal alone.

2)

The award shall state the reasons upon which it is based.

3)

The award shall be deemed to be made at the place of the arbitration and on the date stated therein.

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### **Article 33: Award by Consent**

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If the parties reach a settlement after the file has been transmitted to the arbitral tribunal in accordance with Article 16, the settlement shall be recorded in the form of an award made by consent of the parties, if so requested by the parties and if the arbitral tribunal agrees to do so.

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#### **Article 34: Scrutiny of the Award by the Court**

Before signing any award, the arbitral tribunal shall submit it in draft form to the Court. The Court may lay down modifications as to the form of the award and, without affecting the arbitral tribunal's liberty of decision, may also draw its attention to points of substance. No award shall be rendered by the arbitral tribunal until it has been approved by the Court as to its form.

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#### **Article 35: Notification, Deposit and Enforceability of the Award**

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1)

Once an award has been made, the Secretariat shall notify to the parties the text signed by the arbitral tribunal, provided always that the costs of the arbitration have been fully paid to ICC by the parties or by one of them.

2)

Additional copies certified true by the Secretary General shall be made available on request and at any time to the parties, but to no one else.

3)

By virtue of the notification made in accordance with Article 35(1), the parties waive any other form of notification or deposit on the part of the arbitral tribunal.

4)

An original of each award made in accordance with the Rules shall be deposited with the Secretariat.

5)

The arbitral tribunal and the Secretariat shall assist the parties in complying with whatever further formalities may be necessary.

6)

Every award shall be binding on the parties. By submitting the dispute to arbitration under the Rules, the parties undertake to carry out any award without delay and shall be deemed to have waived their right to any form of recourse insofar as such waiver can validly be made.

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#### **Article 36: Correction and Interpretation of the Award; Additional Award; Remission of Awards**

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1)

On its own initiative, the arbitral tribunal may correct a clerical, computational or typographical error, or any errors of similar nature contained in an award, provided such correction is submitted for approval to the Court within 30 days from notification of the award by the Secretariat pursuant to Article 35(1).

2)

Any application of a party for the correction of an error of the kind referred to in Article 36(1), or for the interpretation of an award, must be made to the Secretariat within 30 days from receipt of the award by such party.

3)

Any application of a party for an additional award as to claims made in the arbitral proceedings which the arbitral tribunal has omitted to decide must be made to the Secretariat within 30 days from receipt of the award by such party.

4)

After transmission of an application pursuant to Articles 36(2) or 36(3) to the arbitral tribunal, the latter shall grant the other party or parties a short time limit, normally not exceeding 30 days, from receipt of the application by that party or parties, to submit any comments thereon. The arbitral tribunal shall submit its decision on the application in draft form to the Court not later than 30 days from expiry of the time limit for the receipt of any comments from the other party or parties or within such other period as the Court may decide. A decision to correct or to interpret the award shall take the form of an addendum and shall constitute part of the award. A decision to grant the application under paragraph 3 shall take the form of an additional award. The provisions of Articles 32, 34 and 35 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

5)

Where a court remits an award to the arbitral tribunal, the provisions of Articles 32, 34, 35 and this Article 36 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any addendum or award made pursuant to the terms of such remission. The Court may take any steps as may be necessary to enable the arbitral tribunal to comply with the terms of such remission and may fix an advance to cover any additional fees and expenses of the arbitral tribunal and any additional ICC administrative expenses.

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## **COSTS**

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### **Article 37: Advance to Cover the Costs of the Arbitration**

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1)

After receipt of the Request, the Secretary General may request the claimant to pay a provisional advance in an amount intended to cover the costs of the arbitration

a) until the Terms of Reference have been drawn up; or

b) when the Expedited Procedure Provisions apply, until the case management conference.

Any provisional advance paid will be considered as a partial payment by the claimant of any advance on costs fixed by the Court pursuant to this Article 37.

2)

As soon as practicable, the Court shall fix the advance on costs in an amount likely to cover the fees and expenses of the arbitrators, the ICC administrative expenses and any other expenses incurred by ICC related to the arbitration for the claims which have been referred to it by the parties, unless any claims are made under Article 7 or 8 in which case Article 37(4) shall apply. The advance on costs fixed by the Court pursuant to this Article 37(2) shall be payable in equal shares by the claimant and the respondent.

3)

Where counterclaims are submitted by the respondent under Article 5 or otherwise, the Court may fix separate advances on costs for the claims and the counterclaims. When the Court has fixed separate advances on costs, each of the parties shall pay the advance on costs corresponding to its claims.

4)

Where claims are made under Article 7 or 8, the Court shall fix one or more advances on costs that shall be payable by the parties as decided by the Court. Where the Court has previously fixed any advance on costs pursuant to this Article 37, any such advance shall be replaced by the advance(s) fixed pursuant to this Article 37(4), and the amount of any advance previously paid by any party will be considered as a partial payment by such party of its share of the advance(s) on costs as fixed by the Court pursuant to this Article 37(4).

5)

The amount of any advance on costs fixed by the Court pursuant to this Article 37 may be subject to readjustment at any time during the arbitration. In all cases, any party shall be free to pay any other party's share of any advance on costs should such other party fail to pay its share.

6)

When a request for an advance on costs has not been complied with, and after consultation with the arbitral tribunal, the Secretary General may direct the arbitral tribunal to suspend its work and set a time limit, which must be not less than 15 days, on the expiry of which the relevant claims shall be considered as withdrawn. Should the party in question wish to object to this measure, it must make a request within the aforementioned period for the matter to be decided by the Court. Such party shall not be prevented, on the ground of such withdrawal, from reintroducing the same claims at a later date in another proceeding.

7)

If one of the parties claims a right to a set-off with regard to any claim, such set-off shall be taken into account in determining the advance to cover the costs of the arbitration in the same way as a separate claim insofar as it may require the arbitral tribunal to consider additional matters.

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## **Article 38: Decision as to the Costs of the Arbitration**

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1)

The costs of the arbitration shall include the fees and expenses of the arbitrators and the ICC administrative expenses fixed by the Court, in accordance with the scale in force at the time of the commencement of the arbitration, as well as the fees and expenses of any experts appointed by the arbitral tribunal and the reasonable legal and other costs incurred by the parties for the arbitration.

2)

The Court may fix the fees of the arbitrators at a figure higher or lower than that which would result from the application of the relevant scale should this be deemed necessary due to the exceptional circumstances of the case.

3)

At any time during the arbitral proceedings, the arbitral tribunal may make decisions on costs, other than those to be fixed by the Court, and order payment.

4)

The final award shall fix the costs of the arbitration and decide which of the parties shall bear them or in what proportion they shall be borne by the parties.

5)

In making decisions as to costs, the arbitral tribunal may take into account such circumstances as it considers relevant, including the extent to which each party has conducted the arbitration in an expeditious and cost-effective manner.

6)

In the event of the withdrawal of all claims or the termination of the arbitration before the rendering of a final award, the Court shall fix the fees and expenses of the arbitrators and the ICC administrative expenses. If the parties have not agreed upon the allocation of the costs of the arbitration or other relevant issues with respect to costs, such matters shall be decided by the arbitral tribunal. If the arbitral tribunal has not been constituted at the time of such withdrawal or termination, any party may request the Court to proceed with the constitution of the arbitral tribunal in accordance with the Rules so that the arbitral tribunal may make decisions as to costs.

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### **Article 39: Modified Time Limits**

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1)

The parties may agree to shorten the various time limits set out in the Rules. Any such agreement entered into subsequent to the constitution of an arbitral tribunal shall become effective only upon the approval of the arbitral tribunal.

2)

The Court, on its own initiative, may extend any time limit which has been modified pursuant to Article 39(1) if it decides that it is necessary to do so in order that the arbitral tribunal and the Court may fulfil their responsibilities in accordance with the Rules.

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## **Article 40: Waiver**

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A party which proceeds with the arbitration without raising its objection to a failure to comply with any provision of the Rules, or of any other rules applicable to the proceedings, any direction given by the arbitral tribunal, or any requirement under the arbitration agreement relating to the constitution of the arbitral tribunal or the conduct of the proceedings, shall be deemed to have waived its right to object.

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## **Article 41: Limitation of Liability**

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The arbitrators, any person appointed by the arbitral tribunal, the emergency arbitrator, the Court and its members, ICC and its employees, and the ICC National Committees and Groups and their employees and representatives shall not be liable to any person for any act or omission in connection with the arbitration, except to the extent such limitation of liability is prohibited by applicable law.

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## **Article 42: General Rule**

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In all matters not expressly provided for in the Rules, the Court and the arbitral tribunal shall act in the spirit of the Rules and shall make every effort to make sure that the award is enforceable at law.

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## **Article 43: Governing Law and Settlement of Disputes**

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Any claims arising out of or in connection with the administration of the arbitration proceedings by the Court under the Rules shall be governed by French law and settled by the Paris Judicial Tribunal (Tribunal Judiciaire de Paris) in France, which shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

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# **APPENDIX I: STATUTES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION**

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## **Article 1: Function**

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1)

The function of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (the “Court”) is to ensure the application of the Rules of Arbitration of ICC, and it has all the necessary powers for that purpose.

2)

As an autonomous body, it carries out these functions in complete independence from ICC and its organs.

3)

Its members are independent from the ICC National Committees and Groups.

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## **Article 2: Composition of the Court**

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The Court shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, and members and alternate members (collectively designated as members). In its work it is assisted by its Secretariat (Secretariat of the Court).

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## **Article 3: Appointment**

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1)

The President is elected by the ICC World Council upon the recommendation of the Executive Board of ICC based on the proposal of an independent selection committee which includes highly distinguished arbitration practitioners.

2)

On the proposal of the President, the ICC World Council appoints the Vice-Presidents of the Court from among the members of the Court or otherwise. The President and the Vice-Presidents of the Court form the Bureau of the Court.

3)

The members of the Court are appointed by the ICC World Council on the proposal of ICC National Committees or Groups, one member for each National Committee or Group. On the proposal of the President, the World Council may appoint alternate members.

4)

On the proposal of the President, the ICC World Council may appoint members and alternate members in countries and territories:

- a) where there is no National Committee or Group; or
- b) where the National Committee or Group is suspended.

5)

The term of office of all members, including, for the purposes of this paragraph, the President and Vice-Presidents, is three years and may be renewed once. If a member is no

longer in a position to exercise the member's functions, a successor is appointed by the World Council for the remainder of the term.

6)

No Court member shall serve for more than two full consecutive terms, unless the World Council decides otherwise upon the recommendation of the Executive Board further to the proposal of the President, in particular where a Court member is proposed for election as Vice-President.

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## **Article 4: Committees**

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1)

Save as provided in Articles 5(1), 6 and 7 of this Appendix, the Court conducts its work in Committees of three members.

2)

Members of the Committees consist of a president and two other members.

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## **Article 5: Special Committees**

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1)

The Court may conduct its work in Special Committees:

a) to decide on matters under Articles 14 and 15(2) of the Rules;

b) to scrutinise draft awards in the presence of dissenting opinions;

c) to scrutinise draft awards in cases where one or more of the parties is a state or may be considered to be a state entity;

d) to decide on matters transferred to a Special Committee by a Committee which did not reach a decision or deemed it preferable to abstain, having made any suggestions it deemed appropriate; or

e) upon request of the President.

2)

Members of the Special Committee consist of a president and at least six other members.

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## **Article 6: Single-member Committees**

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The Court may scrutinize draft awards under the Expedited Procedure Provisions in Single-member Committees.

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## **Article 7: Plenary of the Court**

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1)

The Court meets in plenary during its annual working session. It also meets in plenary whenever so convened by the President.

2)

The plenary of the Court may take any decision under Articles 4(1), 5(1) and 6 of this Appendix.

3)

Members of the plenary consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents and all Court members who have accepted to attend and are in attendance.

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## **Article 8: Confidentiality**

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The work of the Court is of a confidential nature which must be respected by everyone who participates in that work in whatever capacity. The Court lays down the rules regarding the persons who can attend the meetings of the Court and its Committees and who are entitled to have access to materials related to the work of the Court and its Secretariat.

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## **Article 9: Modification of the Rules of Arbitration**

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Any proposal of the Court for a modification of the Rules is laid before the Commission on Arbitration and ADR before submission to the Executive Board of ICC for approval, provided, however, that the Court, in order to take account of developments in information technology, may propose to modify or supplement the provisions of Article 3 of the Rules or any related provisions in the Rules without laying any such proposal before the Commission.

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## **Article 10**

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The decisions of the Court shall be deemed to be made in Paris, France.

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## **APPENDIX II: INTERNAL RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF ARBITRATION**

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### **Article 1: Confidential Character of the Work of the International Court of Arbitration**

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1)

For the purposes of this Appendix, members of the Court include the President and Vice-Presidents of the Court.

2)

The sessions of the Court are open only to its members and to the Secretariat.

3)

However, in exceptional circumstances, the President of the Court may invite other persons to attend. Such persons must respect the confidential nature of the work of the Court.

4)

The documents submitted to the Court, or drawn up by it or the Secretariat in the course of the Court's proceedings, are communicated only to the members of the Court, to the Secretariat and to persons authorized by the President to attend Court sessions.

5)

The President or the Secretary General of the Court may authorize researchers undertaking work of an academic nature to acquaint themselves with awards and other documents of general interest, with the exception of memoranda, notes, statements and documents remitted by the parties within the framework of arbitration proceedings.

6)

Such authorization shall not be given unless the beneficiary has undertaken to respect the confidential character of the documents made available and to refrain from publishing anything based upon information contained therein without having previously submitted the text for approval to the Secretary General of the Court.

7)

The Secretariat will in each case submitted to arbitration under the Rules retain in the archives of the Court all awards, Terms of Reference and decisions of the Court, as well as copies of the pertinent correspondence of the Secretariat.

8)

Any documents, communications or correspondence submitted by the parties or the arbitrators may be destroyed unless a party or an arbitrator requests in writing within a period fixed by the Secretariat the return of such documents, communications or correspondence. All related costs and expenses for the return of those documents shall be paid by such party or arbitrator.

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## **Article 2: Participation of Members of the International Court of Arbitration in ICC Arbitration**

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1)

The President and the members of the Secretariat of the Court may not act as arbitrators or as counsel in cases submitted to ICC Arbitration.

2)

The Court shall not appoint Vice-Presidents or members of the Court as arbitrators. They may, however, be proposed for such duties by one or more of the parties, or pursuant to any other procedure agreed upon by the parties, subject to confirmation.

3)

When the President, a Vice-President or a member of the Court or of the Secretariat is involved in any capacity whatsoever in proceedings pending before the Court, such person must inform the Secretary General of the Court upon becoming aware of such involvement.

4)

Such person must be absent from the Court session whenever the matter is considered by the Court and shall not participate in the discussions or in the decisions of the Court.

5)

Such person will not receive any material documentation or information pertaining to such proceedings.

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## **Article 3: Relations between the Members of the Court and the ICC National Committees and Groups**

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1)

By virtue of their capacity, the members of the Court are independent of the ICC National Committees and Groups which proposed them for appointment by the ICC World Council.

2)

Furthermore, they must regard as confidential, vis-à-vis the said National Committees and Groups, any information concerning individual cases with which they have become acquainted in their capacity as members of the Court, except when they have been requested by the President of the Court, by a Vice-President of the Court authorized by the President of the Court, or by the Court's Secretary General to communicate specific information to their respective National Committees or Groups.

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## **Article 4: Constitution, Quorum and Decision-making**

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1)

The members of Committees, Special Committees and Single-member Committees are appointed by the President from among the Vice-Presidents or the other members of the Court. In the President's absence or otherwise where the President is unable to act, they are appointed by a Vice-President at the request of the Secretary General or the Deputy Secretary General of the Court.

2)

Committees and Special Committees meet whenever convened by their president.

3)

The President of the Court acts as the president of the Committee, the Special Committee and the plenary. A Vice-President of the Court may act as president of a Committee, Special Committee or the plenary (i) at the request of the President or (ii) in the President's absence or otherwise where the President is unable to act, at the request of the Secretary General or the Deputy Secretary General of the Court. In exceptional circumstances, another member of the Court may act as president of a Committee or Special Committee following the same procedure.

4)

The President of the Court, a Vice-President and any Court member may act in, and convene, the Single-member Committee.

5)

Decisions on the constitution of Committees, Special Committees and Single-member Committees are reported to the Court at one of its next sessions.

6)

Deliberations shall be valid:

a) At the Committee, when at least two members are present.

b) At the Special Committee and plenary, when at least six members, and the President or designated Vice-President, are present.

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Decisions at Committees are taken unanimously. When a Committee cannot reach a unanimous decision or deems it preferable to abstain, it transfers the case to a Special Committee, making any suggestions it deems appropriate.

8)

Decisions at Special Committees and the plenary are taken by majority, the President or Vice-President, as the case may be, having a casting vote in the event of a tie.

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## **Article 5: Communication of Reasons of Decisions**

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1)

Upon request of any party, the Court will communicate the reasons for Articles 6(4), 10, 12(8), 12(9), 14 and 15(2).

2)

Any request for the communications of reasons must be made in advance of the decision in respect of which reasons are sought. For decisions pursuant to Article 15(2), a party shall address its request to the Court when invited to comment pursuant to Article 15(3).

3)

In exceptional circumstances, the Court may decide not to communicate the reasons for any of the above decisions.

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## **Article 6: Court Secretariat**

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1)

In the Secretary General's absence or otherwise at the Secretary General's request, the Deputy Secretary General and/or the General Counsel shall have the authority to refer matters to the Court, confirm arbitrators, certify true copies of awards request the payment of a provisional advance and authorize the payment of advances in instalments, respectively provided for in Articles 6(3), 13(2), 35(2) and 37(1) of the Rules and Article 1(6) of Appendix III, as well as to take the measure provided for in Article 37(6).

2)

The Secretariat may, with the approval of the Court, issue notes and other documents for the information of the parties and the arbitrators, or as necessary for the proper conduct of the arbitral proceedings.

3)

Offices of the Secretariat may be established outside the headquarters of the ICC. The Secretariat shall keep a list of offices designated by the Secretary General. Requests for Arbitration may be submitted to the Secretariat at any of its offices, and the Secretariat's functions under the Rules may be carried out from any of its offices, as instructed by the Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General or General Counsel.

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## **Article 7: Scrutiny of Arbitral Awards**

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When the Court scrutinizes draft awards in accordance with Article 34 of the Rules, it considers, to the extent practicable, the requirements of mandatory law at the place of the arbitration.

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## **APPENDIX III: ARBITRATION COSTS AND FEES**

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### **Article 1: Advance on Costs**

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1)

Each request to commence an arbitration pursuant to the Rules must be accompanied by a filing fee of US\$ 5,000. Such payment is non-refundable and shall be credited to the claimant's portion of the advance on costs.

2)

The provisional advance fixed by the Secretary General according to Article 37(1) of the Rules shall normally not exceed the amount obtained by adding together the ICC administrative expenses, the minimum of the fees (as set out in the scale hereinafter) based upon the amount of the claim and the expected reimbursable expenses of the arbitral tribunal incurred with respect to the drafting of the Terms of Reference or the holding of the case management conference. If such amount is not quantified, the provisional advance shall be fixed at the discretion of the Secretary General. Payment by the claimant shall be credited to its share of the advance on costs fixed by the Court.

3)

In general, the arbitral tribunal shall, in accordance with Article 37(6) of the Rules, proceed only with respect to those claims or counterclaims in regard to which the whole of the advance on costs has been paid.

4)

The advance on costs fixed by the Court according to Articles 37(2) or 37(4) of the Rules comprises the fees of the arbitrator or arbitrators (hereinafter referred to as "arbitrator"), any arbitration-related expenses of the arbitrator and the ICC administrative expenses.

5)

Each party shall pay its share of the total advance on costs in cash. However, if a party's share of the advance on costs is greater than US\$ 500,000 (the "Threshold Amount"), such party may post a bank guarantee for any amount above the Threshold Amount. The Court may modify the Threshold Amount at any time at its discretion.

6)

The Secretary-General may authorize the payment of advances on costs, or any party's share thereof, in instalments, subject to such conditions as the Court thinks fit.

7)

A party that has already paid in full its share of the advance on costs fixed by the Court may, in accordance with Article 37(5) of the Rules, pay the unpaid portion of the advance owed by the defaulting party by posting a bank guarantee.

8)

When the Court has fixed separate advances on costs pursuant to Article 37(3) of the Rules, the Secretariat shall invite each party to pay the amount of the advance corresponding to its respective claim(s).

9)

When, as a result of the fixing of separate advances on costs, the separate advance fixed for the claim of either party exceeds one half of such global advance as was previously fixed (in respect of the same claims and counterclaims that are the subject of separate advances), a bank guarantee may be posted to cover any such excess amount. In the event that the amount of the separate advance is subsequently increased, at least one half of the increase shall be paid in cash.

10)

The Secretariat shall establish the terms governing all bank guarantees which the parties may post pursuant to the above provisions.

11)

As provided in Article 37(5) of the Rules, the advance on costs may be subject to readjustment at any time during the arbitration, in particular to take into account fluctuations in the amount in dispute, changes in the amount of the estimated expenses of the arbitrator, or the evolving difficulty or complexity of arbitration proceedings.

12)

Before any expertise ordered by the arbitral tribunal can be commenced, the parties, or one of them, shall pay an advance on costs fixed by the arbitral tribunal sufficient to cover the expected fees and expenses of the expert as determined by the arbitral tribunal. The arbitral tribunal shall be responsible for ensuring the payment by the parties of such fees and expenses.

13)

The amounts paid as advances on costs do not yield interest for the parties or the arbitrator.

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## **Article 2: Costs and Fees**

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1)

Subject to Article 38(2) of the Rules, the Court shall fix the fees of the arbitrator in accordance with the scale hereinafter set out or, where the amount in dispute is not stated, at its discretion.

2)

In setting the arbitrator's fees, the Court shall take into consideration the diligence and efficiency of the arbitrator, the time spent, the rapidity of the proceedings, the complexity of the dispute and the timeliness of the submission of the draft award, so as to arrive at a figure within the limits specified or, in exceptional circumstances (Article 38(2) of the Rules), at a figure higher or lower than those limits.

3)

When a case is submitted to more than one arbitrator, the Court, at its discretion, shall have the right to increase the total fees up to a maximum which shall normally not exceed three times the fees of one arbitrator.

4)

The arbitrator's fees and expenses shall be fixed exclusively by the Court as required by the Rules. Separate fee arrangements between the parties and the arbitrator are contrary to the Rules.

5)

The Court shall fix the ICC administrative expenses of each arbitration in accordance with the scale hereinafter set out or, where the amount in dispute is not stated, at its discretion. Where the parties have agreed upon additional services, or in exceptional circumstances, the Court may fix the ICC administrative expenses at a lower or higher figure than that which would result from the application of such scale, provided that such expenses shall normally not exceed the maximum amount of the scale.

6)

At any time during the arbitration, the Court may fix as payable a portion of the ICC administrative expenses corresponding to services that have already been performed by the Court and the Secretariat.

7)

The Court may require the payment of administrative expenses in addition to those provided in the scale of administrative expenses as a condition for holding an arbitration in abeyance at the request of the parties or of one of them with the acquiescence of the other.

8)

If an arbitration terminates before the rendering of a final award, the Court shall fix the fees and expenses of the arbitrators and the ICC administrative expenses at its discretion, taking into account the stage attained by the arbitral proceedings and any other relevant circumstances.

9)

Any amount paid by the parties as an advance on costs exceeding the costs of the arbitration fixed by the Court shall be reimbursed to the parties having regard to the amounts paid.

10)

In the case of an application under Articles 36(2) or 36(3) of the Rules or of a remission pursuant to Article 36(5) of the Rules, the Court may fix an advance to cover additional fees and expenses of the arbitral tribunal and additional ICC administrative expenses and may make the transmission of such application to the arbitral tribunal subject to the prior cash payment in full to ICC of such advance. The Court shall fix at its discretion the costs of the procedure following an application or a remission, which shall include any possible fees of the arbitrator and ICC administrative expenses, when approving the decision of the arbitral tribunal.

11)

The Secretariat may require the payment of administrative expenses in addition to those provided in the scale of administrative expenses for any expenses arising in relation to a request pursuant to Article 35(5) of the Rules.

12)

When an arbitration is preceded by proceedings under the ICC Mediation Rules, one half of the ICC administrative expenses paid for such proceedings shall be credited to the ICC administrative expenses of the arbitration.

13)

Amounts paid to the arbitrator do not include any possible value added tax (VAT) or other taxes or charges and imposts applicable to the arbitrator's fees. Parties have a duty to pay any such taxes or charges; however, the recovery of any such charges or taxes is a matter solely between the arbitrator and the parties.

14)

ICC administrative expenses do not include VAT, taxes, imposts or any other charges of a similar nature. They may be increased by the amount of VAT, taxes, imposts or any charges of a similar nature at the prevailing rate. Parties have a duty to pay any such charges pursuant to invoices issued by ICC.

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### **Article 3: Scales of Administrative Expenses and Arbitrator's Fees**

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1)

The scales of administrative expenses and arbitrator's fees set forth below shall be effective as of 1 January 2017 in respect of all arbitrations commenced on or after such date, irrespective of the version of the Rules applying to such arbitrations.

2)

To calculate the ICC administrative expenses and the arbitrator's fees, the amounts calculated for each successive tranche of the amount in dispute must be added together, except that where the amount in dispute is over US\$ 500 million, a flat amount of US\$ 150,000 shall constitute the entirety of the ICC administrative expenses.



3)

The scales of administrative expenses and arbitrator’s fees for the expedited procedure set forth below shall be effective as of 1 March 2017 in respect of all arbitrations commenced on or after such date, irrespective of the version of the Rules applying to such arbitrations. When parties have agreed to the expedited procedure pursuant to Article 30(2), subparagraph b), the scales for the expedited procedure will apply.

4)

All amounts fixed by the Court or pursuant to any of the appendices to the Rules are payable in US\$ except where prohibited by law or decided otherwise by the Court, in which case ICC may apply a different scale and fee arrangement in another currency.

## SCALES OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND ARBITRATOR’S FEES

### A. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Amount in dispute (in US Dollars)			Administrative expenses(*)
up to		50,000	\$5,000
from	50,001	to 100,000	1.53%
from	100,001	to 200,000	2.72%
from	200,001	to 500,000	2.25%
from	500,001	to 1,000,000	1.62%
from	1,000,001	to 2,000,000	0.788%
from	2,000,001	to 5,000,000	0.46%
from	5,000,001	to 10,000,000	0.25%
from	10,000,001	to 30,000,000	0.10%
from	30,000,001	to 50,000,000	0.09%
from	50,000,001	to 80,000,000	0.01%
from	80,000,001	to 500,000,000	0.0123%
over	500,000,000		\$150,000

### B. ARBITRATOR’S FEES

Amount in dispute (in US Dollars)		Fees (**)	
		minimum	maximum
up to	50,000	\$3,000	18.0200%

from	50,001	to	100,000	2.6500%	13.5680%
from	100,001	to	200,000	1.4310%	7.6850%
from	200,001	to	500,000	1.3670%	6.8370%
from	500,001	to	1,000,000	0.9540%	4.0280%
from	1,000,001	to	2,000,000	0.6890%	3.6040%
from	2,000,001	to	5,000,000	0.3750%	1.3910%
from	5,000,001	to	10,000,000	0.1280%	0.9100%
from	10,000,001	to	30,000,000	0.0640%	0.2410%
from	30,000,001	to	50,000,000	0.0590%	0.2280%
from	50,000,001	to	80,000,000	0.0330%	0.1570%
from	80,000,001	to	100,000,000	0.0210%	0.1150%
from	100,000,001	to	500,000,000	0.0110%	0.0580%
over	500,000,000			0.0100%	0.0400%

(\*)(\*\*) For illustrative purposes only, the table below indicates the resulting administrative expenses/range of fees in US\$ when the proper calculations have been made.

AMOUNT IN DISPUTE (in US Dollars)	A. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (*) (in US Dollars)		B. ARBITRATOR'S FEES (**) (in US Dollars)			
			Minimum		Maximum	
up to 50,000	5,000		3,000		18.0200% of amount in dispute	
from 50,001 to 100,000	5,000	+1.53% of amt. over 50,000	3,000	+ 2.6500%	of amt. over 50,000	
from 100,001 to 200,000	5,765	+2.72% of amt. over 100,000	4,325	+ 1.4310%	of amt. over 100,000	
from 200,001 to 500,000	8,485	+2.25% of amt. over 200,000	5,756	+ 1.3670%	of amt. over 200,000	
from 500,001 to 1,000,000	15,235	+1.62% of amt. over 500,000	9,857	+ 0.9540%	of amt. over 500,000	
from 1,000,001 to 2,000,000	23,335	+0.788% of amt. over 1,000,000	14,627	+ 0.6890%	of amt. over 1,000,000	
from 2,000,001 to 5,000,000	31,215	+0.46% of amt. over 2,000,000	21,517	+ 0.3750%	of amt. over 2,000,000	
from 5,000,001 to 10,000,000	45,015	+0.25% of amt. over 5,000,000	32,767	+ 0.1280%	of amt. over 5,000,000	
from 10,000,001 to 30,000,000	57,515	+0.10% of amt. over 10,000,000	39,167	+ 0.0640%	of amt. over 10,000,000	
from 30,000,001 to 50,000,000	77,515	+0.09% of amt. over 30,000,000	51,967	+ 0.0590%	of amt. over 30,000,000	
from 50,000,001 to 80,000,000	95,515	+0.01% of amt. over 50,000,000	63,767	+ 0.0330%	of amt. over 50,000,000	
from 80,000,001 to 100,000,000	98,515	+0.0123% of amt. over 80,000,000	73,867	+ 0.0210%	of amt. over 80,000,000	
from 100,000,001 to 500,000,000	100,975	+0.0123% of amt. over 100,000,000	77,867	+ 0.0110%	of amt. over 100,000,000	
over 500,000,000	150,000		121,867	+ 0.0100%	of amt. over 500,000,000	

(\*)(\*\*) See above.

## SCALES OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND ARBITRATOR'S FEES FOR THE EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

### A. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Amount in dispute (in US Dollars)	Administrative expenses(*)
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up to			50,000	\$5,000
from	50,001	to	100,000	1.53%
from	100,001	to	200,000	2.72%
from	200,001	to	500,000	2.25%
from	500,001	to	1,000,000	1.62%
from	1,000,001	to	2,000,000	0.788%
from	2,000,001	to	5,000,000	0.46%
from	5,000,001	to	10,000,000	0.25%
from	10,000,001	to	30,000,000	0.10%
from	30,000,001	to	50,000,000	0.09%
from	50,000,001	to	80,000,000	0.01%
from	80,000,001	to	500,000,000	0.0123%
over	500,000,000			\$150,000

## B. ARBITRATOR'S FEES

Amount in dispute (in US Dollars)				Fees (**)	
				minimum	maximum
up to	50,000			\$2,400	14.4160%
from	50,001	to	100,000	2.1200%	10.8544%
from	100,001	to	200,000	1.1448%	6.1480%
from	200,001	to	500,000	1.0936%	5.4696%
from	500,001	to	1,000,000	0.7632%	3.2224%
from	1,000,001	to	2,000,000	0.5512%	2.8832%
from	2,000,001	to	5,000,000	0.3000%	1.1128%
from	5,000,001	to	10,000,000	0.1024%	0.7280%
from	10,000,001	to	30,000,000	0.0512%	0.1928%
from	30,000,001	to	50,000,000	0.0472%	0.1824%
from	50,000,001	to	80,000,000	0.0264%	0.1256%

from	80,000,001	to	100,000,000	0.0168%	0.0920%
from	100,000,001	to	500,000,000	0.0088%	0.0464%
over	500,000,000			0.0080%	0.0320%

(\*) (\*\*) For illustrative purposes only, the table on the following page indicates the resulting administrative expenses/range of fees in US\$ when the proper calculations have been made.

AMOUNT IN DISPUTE (in US Dollars)	A. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (*) (in US Dollars)		B. ARBITRATOR'S FEES (**)	
			(in US Dollars)	
			Minimum	Maximum
up to 50,000	5,000		2,400	14.4160% of amount in dispute
from 50,001 to 100,000	5,000 +1.53% of amt. over 50,000		2,400 + 2.1200% of amt. over 50,000	7,208 + 10.8544% of amt. over 50,000
from 100,001 to 200,000	5,765 +2.72% of amt. over 100,000		3,460 + 1.1448% of amt. over 100,000	12,635 + 6.1480% of amt. over 100,000
from 200,001 to 500,000	8,485 +2.25% of amt. over 200,000		4,605 + 1.0936% of amt. over 200,000	18,783 + 5.4696% of amt. over 200,000
from 500,001 to 1,000,000	15,235 +1.62% of amt. over 500,000		7,886 + 0.7632% of amt. over 500,000	35,192 + 3.2224% of amt. over 500,000
from 1,000,001 to 2,000,000	23,335 +0.788% of amt. over 1,000,000		11,702 + 0.5512% of amt. over 1,000,000	51,304 + 2.8832% of amt. over 1,000,000
from 2,000,001 to 5,000,000	31,215 +0.46% of amt. over 2,000,000		17,214 + 0.3000% of amt. over 2,000,000	80,136 + 1.1128% of amt. over 2,000,000
from 5,000,001 to 10,000,000	45,015 +0.25% of amt. over 5,000,000		26,214 + 0.1024% of amt. over 5,000,000	113,520 + 0.7280% of amt. over 5,000,000
from 10,000,001 to 30,000,000	57,515 +0.10% of amt. over 10,000,000		31,334 + 0.0512% of amt. over 10,000,000	149,920 + 0.1928% of amt. over 10,000,000
from 30,000,001 to 50,000,000	77,515 +0.09% of amt. over 30,000,000		41,574 + 0.0472% of amt. over 30,000,000	188,480 + 0.1824% of amt. over 30,000,000
from 50,000,001 to 80,000,000	95,515 +0.01% of amt. over 50,000,000		51,014 + 0.0264% of amt. over 50,000,000	224,960 + 0.1256% of amt. over 50,000,000
from 80,000,001 to 100,000,000	98,515 +0.0123% of amt. over 80,000,000		58,934 + 0.0168% of amt. over 80,000,000	262,640 + 0.0920% of amt. over 80,000,000
from 100,000,001 to 500,000,000	100,975 +0.0123% of amt. over 100,000,000		62,294 + 0.0088% of amt. over 100,000,000	281,040 + 0.0464% of amt. over 100,000,000
over 500,000,000	150,000		97,494 + 0.0080% of amt. over 500,000,000	466,640 + 0.0320% of amt. over 500,000,000

(\*)(\*\*) See above.

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## APPENDIX IV : CASE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

The following are examples of case management techniques that can be used by the arbitral tribunal and the parties for controlling time and cost. Appropriate control of time and cost is important in all cases. In cases of low complexity and low value, it is particularly important to ensure that time and costs are proportionate to what is at stake in the dispute.

- a) Bifurcating the proceedings or rendering one or more partial awards on key issues, when doing so may genuinely be expected to result in a more efficient resolution of the case.
- b) Identifying issues that can be resolved by agreement between the parties or their experts.
- c) Identifying issues to be decided solely on the basis of documents rather than through oral evidence or legal argument at a hearing.

d) Production of documentary evidence:

- (i) requiring the parties to produce with their submissions the documents on which they rely;
- (ii) avoiding requests for document production when appropriate in order to control time and cost;
- (iii) in those cases where requests for document production are considered appropriate, limiting such requests to documents or categories of documents that are relevant and material to the outcome of the case;
- (iv) establishing reasonable time limits for the production of documents;
- (v) using a schedule of document production to facilitate the resolution of issues in relation to the production of documents.

e) Limiting the length and scope of written submissions and written and oral witness evidence (both fact witnesses and experts) so as to avoid repetition and maintain a focus on key issues.

f) Using telephone or video conferencing for procedural and other hearings where attendance in person is not essential and use of IT that enables online communication among the parties, the arbitral tribunal and the Secretariat of the Court.

g) Organizing a pre-hearing conference with the arbitral tribunal at which arrangements for a hearing can be discussed and agreed and the arbitral tribunal can indicate to the parties issues on which it would like the parties to focus at the hearing.

h) Settlement of disputes:

- (i) encouraging the parties to consider settlement of all or part of the dispute either by negotiation or through any form of amicable dispute resolution methods such as, for example, mediation under the ICC Mediation Rules;
- (ii) where agreed between the parties and the arbitral tribunal, the arbitral tribunal may take steps to facilitate settlement of the dispute, provided that every effort is made to ensure that any subsequent award is enforceable at law.

Additional techniques are described in the ICC publication entitled “Controlling Time and Costs in Arbitration”.

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## **APPENDIX V: EMERGENCY ARBITRATOR RULES**

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### **Article 1: Application for Emergency Measures**

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1)

A party wishing to have recourse to an emergency arbitrator pursuant to Article 29 of the Rules of Arbitration of ICC (the “Rules”) shall submit its Application for Emergency Measures (the “Application”) to the Secretariat at any of the offices specified in the Internal Rules of the Court in Appendix II to the Rules.

2)

The Application shall be supplied in a number of copies sufficient to provide one copy for each party, plus one for the emergency arbitrator, and one for the Secretariat where the party submitting the Application requests transmission thereof by delivery against receipt, registered post or courier.

3)

The Application shall contain the following information:

- a) the name in full, description, address and other contact details of each of the parties;
- b) the name in full, address and other contact details of any person(s) representing the applicant;
- c) a description of the circumstances giving rise to the Application and of the underlying dispute referred or to be referred to arbitration;
- d) a statement of the Emergency Measures sought;
- e) the reasons why the applicant needs urgent interim or conservatory measures that cannot await the constitution of an arbitral tribunal;
- f) any relevant agreements and, in particular, the arbitration agreement;
- g) any agreement as to the place of the arbitration, the applicable rules of law or the language of the arbitration;
- h) proof of payment of the amount referred to in Article 7(1) of this Appendix; and
- i) any Request for Arbitration and any other submissions in connection with the underlying dispute, which have been filed with the Secretariat by any of the parties to the emergency arbitrator proceedings prior to the making of the Application.

The Application may contain such other documents or information as the applicant considers appropriate or as may contribute to the efficient examination of the Application.

4)

The Application shall be drawn up in the language of the arbitration if agreed upon by the parties or, in the absence of any such agreement, in the language of the arbitration agreement.

5)

If and to the extent that the President of the Court (the “President”) considers, on the basis of the information contained in the Application, that the Emergency Arbitrator Provisions apply with reference to Article 29(5) and Article 29(6) of the Rules, the Secretariat shall transmit a copy of the Application and the documents annexed thereto to the responding party. If and to the extent that the President considers otherwise, the Secretariat shall inform the parties that the emergency arbitrator proceedings shall not take place with respect to some or all of the parties and shall transmit a copy of the Application to them for information.

6)

The President shall terminate the emergency arbitrator proceedings if a Request for Arbitration has not been received by the Secretariat from the applicant within 10 days from the Secretariat’s receipt of the Application, unless the emergency arbitrator determines that a longer period of time is necessary.

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## **Article 2: Appointment of the Emergency Arbitrator; Transmission of the File**

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1)

The President shall appoint an emergency arbitrator within as short a time as possible, normally within two days from the Secretariat's receipt of the Application.

2)

No emergency arbitrator shall be appointed after the file has been transmitted to the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 16 of the Rules. An emergency arbitrator appointed prior thereto shall retain the power to make an order within the time limit permitted by Article 6(4) of this Appendix.

3)

Once the emergency arbitrator has been appointed, the Secretariat shall so notify the parties and shall transmit the file to the emergency arbitrator. Thereafter, all written communications from the parties shall be submitted directly to the emergency arbitrator with a copy to each other party and the Secretariat. A copy of any written communications from the emergency arbitrator to the parties shall be submitted to the Secretariat.

4)

Every emergency arbitrator shall be and remain impartial and independent of the parties involved in the dispute.

5)

Before being appointed, a prospective emergency arbitrator shall sign a statement of acceptance, availability, impartiality and independence. The Secretariat shall provide a copy of such statement to the parties.

6)

An emergency arbitrator shall not act as an arbitrator in any arbitration relating to the dispute that gave rise to the Application.

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## **Article 3: Challenge of an Emergency Arbitrator**

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1)

A challenge against the emergency arbitrator must be made within three days from receipt by the party making the challenge of the notification of the appointment or from the date when that party was informed of the facts and circumstances on which the challenge is based if such date is subsequent to the receipt of such notification.

2)

The challenge shall be decided by the Court after the Secretariat has afforded an opportunity for the emergency arbitrator and the other party or parties to provide comments in writing within a suitable period of time.

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## **Article 4: Place of the Emergency Arbitrator Proceedings**

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1)

If the parties have agreed upon the place of the arbitration, such place shall be the place of the emergency arbitrator proceedings. In the absence of such agreement, the President shall fix the place of the emergency arbitrator proceedings, without prejudice to the determination of the place of the arbitration pursuant to Article 18(1) of the Rules.

2)

Any meetings with the emergency arbitrator may be conducted through a meeting in person at any location the emergency arbitrator considers appropriate or by video conference, telephone or similar means of communication.

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## **Article 5: Proceedings**

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1)

The emergency arbitrator shall establish a procedural timetable for the emergency arbitrator proceedings within as short a time as possible, normally within two days from the transmission of the file to the emergency arbitrator pursuant to Article 2(3) of this Appendix.

2)

The emergency arbitrator shall conduct the proceedings in the manner which the emergency arbitrator considers to be appropriate, taking into account the nature and the urgency of the Application. In all cases, the emergency arbitrator shall act fairly and impartially and ensure that each party has a reasonable opportunity to present its case.

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## **Article 6: Order**

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1)

Pursuant to Article 29(2) of the Rules, the emergency arbitrator's decision shall take the form of an order (the "Order").

2)

In the Order, the emergency arbitrator shall determine whether the Application is admissible pursuant to Article 29(1) of the Rules and whether the emergency arbitrator has jurisdiction to order Emergency Measures.

3)

The Order shall be made in writing and shall state the reasons upon which it is based. It shall be dated and signed by the emergency arbitrator.

4)

The Order shall be made no later than 15 days from the date on which the file was transmitted to the emergency arbitrator pursuant to Article 2(3) of this Appendix. The President may extend the time limit pursuant to a reasoned request from the emergency arbitrator or on the President's own initiative if the President decides it is necessary to do so.



5)

Within the time limit established pursuant to Article 6(4) of this Appendix, the emergency arbitrator shall send the Order to the parties, with a copy to the Secretariat, by any of the means of communication permitted by Article 3(2) of the Rules that the emergency arbitrator considers will ensure prompt receipt.

6)

The Order shall cease to be binding on the parties upon:

a) the President's termination of the emergency arbitrator proceedings pursuant to Article 1(6) of this Appendix;

b) the acceptance by the Court of a challenge against the emergency arbitrator pursuant to Article 3 of this Appendix;

c) the arbitral tribunal's final award, unless the arbitral tribunal expressly decides otherwise; or

d) the withdrawal of all claims or the termination of the arbitration before the rendering of a final award.

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The emergency arbitrator may make the Order subject to such conditions as the emergency arbitrator thinks fit, including requiring the provision of appropriate security.

8)

Upon a reasoned request by a party made prior to the transmission of the file to the arbitral tribunal pursuant to Article 16 of the Rules, the emergency arbitrator may modify, terminate or annul the Order.

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## **Article 7: Costs of the Emergency Arbitrator Proceedings**

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1)

The applicant must pay an amount of US\$ 40,000, consisting of US\$ 10,000 for ICC administrative expenses and US\$ 30,000 for the emergency arbitrator's fees and expenses. Notwithstanding Article 1(5) of this Appendix, the Application shall not be notified until the payment of US\$ 40,000 is received by the Secretariat.

2)

The President may, at any time during the emergency arbitrator proceedings, decide to increase the emergency arbitrator's fees or the ICC administrative expenses taking into account, inter alia, the nature of the case and the nature and amount of work performed by the emergency arbitrator, the Court, the President and the Secretariat. If the party which submitted the Application fails to pay the increased costs within the time limit fixed by the Secretariat, the Application shall be considered as withdrawn.

3)

The emergency arbitrator's Order shall fix the costs of the emergency arbitrator proceedings and decide which of the parties shall bear them or in what proportion they shall be borne by the parties.

4)

The costs of the emergency arbitrator proceedings include the ICC administrative

expenses, the emergency arbitrator's fees and expenses and the reasonable legal and other costs incurred by the parties for the emergency arbitrator proceedings.

5)

In the event that the emergency arbitrator proceedings do not take place pursuant to Article 1(5) of this Appendix or are otherwise terminated prior to the making of an Order, the President shall determine the amount to be reimbursed to the applicant, if any. An amount of US\$ 5,000 for ICC administrative expenses is non-refundable in all cases.

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## **Article 8: General Rule**

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1)

The President shall have the power to decide, at the President's discretion, all matters relating to the administration of the emergency arbitrator proceedings not expressly provided for in this Appendix.

2)

In the President's absence or otherwise at the President's request, any of the Vice-Presidents of the Court shall have the power to take decisions on behalf of the President.

3)

In all matters concerning emergency arbitrator proceedings not expressly provided for in this Appendix, the Court, the President and the emergency arbitrator shall act in the spirit of the Rules and this Appendix.

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## **APPENDIX VI: EXPEDITED PROCEDURE RULES**

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### **Article 1: Application of the Expedited Procedure Rules**

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1)

Insofar as Article 30 of the Rules of Arbitration of ICC (the "Rules") and this Appendix VI do not provide otherwise, the Rules shall apply to an arbitration under the Expedited Procedure Rules.

2)

The amount referred to in Article 30(2), subparagraph a) of the Rules is:

a) US\$ 2,000,000 if the arbitration agreement under the Rules was concluded on or after 1 March 2017 and before 1 January 2021 or

b) US\$ 3,000,000 if the arbitration agreement under the Rules was concluded on or after 1 January 2021.

3)

Upon receipt of the Answer to the Request pursuant to Article 5 of the Rules, or upon expiry of the time limit for the Answer or at any relevant time thereafter and subject to Article 30(3) of the Rules, the Secretariat will inform the parties that the Expedited Procedure Provisions shall apply in the case.

4)

The Court may, at any time during the arbitral proceedings, on its own motion or upon the request of a party, and after consultation with the arbitral tribunal and the parties, decide that the Expedited Procedure Provisions shall no longer apply to the case. In such case, unless the Court considers that it is appropriate to replace and/or reconstitute the arbitral tribunal, the arbitral tribunal shall remain in place.

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## **Article 2: Constitution of the Arbitral Tribunal**

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1)

The Court may, notwithstanding any contrary provision of the arbitration agreement, appoint a sole arbitrator.

2)

The parties may nominate the sole arbitrator within a time limit to be fixed by the Secretariat. In the absence of such nomination, the sole arbitrator shall be appointed by the Court within as short a time as possible.

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## **Article 3: Proceedings**

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1)

Article 23 of the Rules shall not apply to an arbitration under the Expedited Procedure Rules.

2)

After the arbitral tribunal has been constituted, no party shall make new claims, unless it has been authorized to do so by the arbitral tribunal, which shall consider the nature of such new claims, the stage of the arbitration, any cost implications and any other relevant circumstances.

3)

The case management conference convened pursuant to Article 24 of the Rules shall take place no later than 15 days from the date on which the file was transmitted to the arbitral tribunal. The Court may extend this time limit pursuant to a reasoned request from the arbitral tribunal or on its own initiative if it decides it is necessary to do so.

4)

The arbitral tribunal shall have discretion to adopt such procedural measures as it considers appropriate. In particular, the arbitral tribunal may, after consultation with the parties, decide not to allow requests for document production or to limit the number, length and scope of written submissions and written witness evidence (both fact witnesses and experts).

5)

The arbitral tribunal may, after consulting the parties, decide the dispute solely on the basis of the documents submitted by the parties, with no hearing and no examination of witnesses or experts.

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#### **Article 4: Award**

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1)

The time limit within which the arbitral tribunal must render its final award is six months from the date of the case management conference. The Court may extend the time limit pursuant to Article 31(2) of the Rules.

2)

The fees of the arbitral tribunal shall be fixed according to the scales of administrative expenses and arbitrator's fees for the expedited procedure set out in Appendix III.

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#### **Article 5: General Rule**

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In all matters concerning the expedited procedure not expressly provided for in this Appendix, the Court and the arbitral tribunal shall act in the spirit of the Rules and this Appendix.

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