

Permanent Court of Arbitration - Bank For International Settlements

Arbitration Documentation and Information

Disputes arising with regard to the interpretation or application of the treaties or statutes of the BIS are referred by those instruments for final decision to the Tribunal provided for by The Hague Agreement of January 1930. In accord with the procedures prescribed in Article XV of that treaty, the different members of the Tribunal are selected by the Governments of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. The chairman of the Tribunal is designated by the Government of France, in agreement with the Governments of Belgium, Italy and the United Kingdom. Members of the Tribunal serve for a term of five years. The procedures of the Tribunal are set out in Annex XII of the 1930 Treaty, which incorporates Chapter III of the Hague Convention of 1907 for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, unless modified by the 1930 Treaty. The Tribunal is currently composed of Professor W. Michael Reisman (USA) Chairman, Professor Dr. Jochen Abr. Frowein (Germany), Professor Dr. Mathias Krafft (Switzerland), Professor Paul Lagarde (France) and Professor Dr. Albert Jan van den Berg (The Netherlands). The Secretary of the Tribunal is Mrs. Phyllis Hamilton, Deputy Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. The address of the Tribunal is Permanent Court of Arbitration, Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 The Hague, Netherlands. Applications to the Tribunal and all other communications should be made to the PCA Registry (bureau@pca-cpa.org). Requests for information regarding the Tribunal or the registration of claims should be directed to the PCA Registry (bureau@pca-cpa.org).

Convention respecting the Bank for International Settlements	PDF Document
Hague Agreement of 12 January 1930 including Annexes 1 through 12	PDF Document
Chapter III of the Hague Convention of 1907 for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes	Text Document
Bank for International Settlements Website - Information about the Hague Arbitral Tribunal	www.bis.org/about/arb_trib.htm

Information Concerning Commencement of an Arbitration

1. A party wishing to commence an arbitration with regard to the Treaties or the Statutes of the BIS (“the Plaintiff”) shall submit a Notice of Arbitration to the Secretary of the Tribunal at Permanent Court of Arbitration, Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ, The Hague, The Netherlands. The Notice of Arbitration shall include the following:

- (a) the names, addresses and telephone, facsimile or other communication references of the parties to the arbitration and of the representative of the Plaintiff;
- (b) a brief description of the nature and circumstances of the dispute;
- (c) a statement of the relief sought and an indication, to the extent possible, of any amount claimed.

2. The Notice of Arbitration may also, but need not necessarily, be accompanied by a Statement of the Case as referred to in Articles 5 and 6 of the Rules of Procedure set forth in Annex XII (“Arbitration”@) to The Hague Agreement of 20 January 1930.

3. The Notice of Arbitration may be in English, French or (where Germany is a Party) in German.

4. The Notice of Arbitration shall be filed in twelve (12) copies with the Secretary of the Tribunal. Simultaneously with the submission of the Notice for Arbitration to the Secretary of the Tribunal, the Plaintiff shall deliver six (6) copies of the Notice for Arbitration to the Defendant.

The date of commencement of the arbitration shall be the date on which the Notice of Arbitration is received by the Secretary of the Tribunal. The Secretary shall certify in writing the date of receipt to Plaintiff and Defendant.