



PRESS RELEASE

**PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN DOUTREMEPUICH AND ANTOINE DOUTREMEPUICH (FRANCE)
V. THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

THE HAGUE, 7 JUNE 2019

Hearing on Jurisdiction

The hearing on jurisdiction in the arbitration instituted by Professor Christian Doutremepuich and Antoine Doutremepuich against the Republic of Mauritius will be held from 12 June to 13 June 2019 at the seat of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (“PCA”), at the Peace Palace, The Hague, in the Netherlands.

The arbitration proceedings are being conducted pursuant to the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law 1976 (the “**UNCITRAL Rules**”), the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-based Investor-State Arbitration 2014 (the “**UNCITRAL Transparency Rules**”), and the Agreement between the French Government and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius on the protection of investments 1973 (the “**Agreement**”).

The hearing will address the objections to the Tribunal’s jurisdiction raised by the Republic of Mauritius.

Hearing Schedule

The hearing on jurisdiction will commence on Wednesday, 12 June 2019. The Tribunal has determined the following schedule for the hearing:

First round of oral argument: Wednesday, 12 June 2019

Introduction	09:00 to 9:15
Respondent’s Opening Statement	09:15 to 11:15
Break	11:15 to 11:30
Claimants’ Opening Statement	11:30 to 13:30
Break	13:30 to 15:00
Tribunal questions	15:00 to 16:00

Second round of oral argument: Thursday, 13 June 2019

Respondent’s Closing Statements	09:00 to 10:00
Break	10:00 to 10:30
Claimants’ Closing Statements	10:30 to 11:30
Tribunal further questions and closing of hearing	11:30 to 12:00

Live-streaming

The Parties have agreed that the hearing be video recorded and transmitted to the public via YouTube. The webcast will be virtually live in order to allow the Tribunal to deal with any confidentiality or other objections under Article 6(2) of the UNCITRAL Transparency Rules, if any. A direct link to the webcast will be available on the website of the PCA on 12 and 13 June 2019 at the following address: www.pca-cpa.org. The webcast will subsequently be made available on the PCA's website.

Background of the Dispute

By Request for Arbitration dated 30 March 2018, Professor Christian Doutremepuich and Antoine Doutremepuich instituted arbitral proceedings against the Republic of Mauritius pursuant to the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules and the Agreement.

The Tribunal is composed of Professor Maxi Scherer (Presiding Arbitrator), Professor Olivier Caprasse and Professor Jan Paulsson.

Further information about the proceedings as well as the Parties' submissions are available on the UNCITRAL Transparency Registry ([https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/registry/data/mus/doutremepuich v mauritius.html](https://www.uncitral.org/transparency-registry/registry/data/mus/doutremepuich_v_mauritius.html)) and on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pca-cpa.org/en/cases/169/>). Procedural orders and decisions of the Tribunal will be made public after they have been notified to the Parties. Further, any award of the Tribunal will be made public unless the Parties object.

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Background on the Permanent Court of Arbitration

The Permanent Court of Arbitration is an intergovernmental organization established by the 1899 Hague Convention on the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes. The PCA has 122 Contracting Parties. Headquartered at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands, the PCA facilitates arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding, and other dispute resolution proceedings among various combinations of States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations, and private parties. The PCA's International Bureau is currently administering three inter-state disputes, 101 investor-State arbitrations, and 49 cases arising under contracts involving a State or other public entity and two other disputes. More information about the PCA can be found at www.pca-cpa.org.

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