UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ARBITRATION RULES (1976)

ABDALLAH ANDRAOUS

Claimant

ν.

KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Respondent

PROCEDURAL ORDER No. 2

ANNEX A: DECISION ON CLAIMANT'S DOCUMENT PRODUCTION REQUESTS

Arbitral Tribunal

Ms. Claudia Salomon (Presiding Arbitrator) Prof. Nassib G. Ziadé Mr. José Emilio Nunes Pinto

Secretary of the Tribunal

Mr. Felipe Aragón

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Preliminary remarks

- 1. The Kingdom of the Netherlands respectfully submits the following responses and objections to the Request for Production of Documents pertaining to the Jurisdictional Phase presented by Mr Abdallah Andraous ("Andraous") dated 5 June 2024.
- In providing its responses and objections, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is guided by the International Bar Association Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration (2020) ("IBA Rules") in accordance with para. 40 of Procedural Order No. 1 dated 23 November 2023.
- 3. As an overarching remark, the Kingdom of the Netherlands notes that Andraous' requests fail to comply with the standards set by the IBA Rules. The majority of Andraous' requests lack any explanation as to how the requests "are relevant to the case and material to its outcome" in accordance with Article 3.3(b) of the IBA Rules, and in fact altogether lack substantiation. The requests frequently consist of a mere reference to sections or paragraphs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands' Statement of Defence on Jurisdiction ("SoD") or its accompanying exhibits (see Requests Nos. 2-8).
- 4. Furthermore, many of Andraous' requests are unclear or unspecified, lacking, among other things, any indication of timeframe, contrary to the "narrow and specific" standard under Article 3.3(a) of the IBA Rules (see e.g. Request No. 4). Lastly, Andraous also requests documents already available to him by accessing public records (see e.g. Request No. 7), or documents that only he can request from the public authorities (see e.g. Request No. 5 in relation to Andraous' tax return forms).
- 5. The Kingdom of the Netherlands will nevertheless endeavor to comply with the requests to the extent feasible and reasonable.

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		Documents	Requesting Party			
		Requested				
1	Claimant	A copy of the	The Claimant was	The Kingdom of the	Claimant notes	The Tribunal takes
		Claimant's	at his residence in		Respondent's endeavours	note that Respondent
		personal (hard	Paris, France at the	Andraous' Request No. 1 on	to produce the requested	has voluntarily
		copy) files	time of the	the grounds and to the	documents.	accepted to produce
		which were	Takeover and had	extent set out below.		the Documents
		held at his	no opportunity to		Claimant submits that it is	responsive to this
		office at	preserve the	Andraous requests an	virtually impossible to know	request to the extent
		,	evidence to prove	unidentified set of	which exact documents	that they are
		Curaçao at the	his case. The file	"personal (hard copy) files"	were at its office at the time	reasonably identified.
		time of the	contains	that were allegedly held at	of the Takeover, which took	
		Takeover	information on his	Ennia's offices in Curaçao	place six years ago. The	
			investment. The	presumably at the time the	requested documents	Respondent is
			Respondent is in	Emergency Regulation was	include but are not limited	ordered to make a
			possession,	enacted.	to (i) ID documents, (ii)	reasonable effort to
			custody or control		Claimant's bank statements,	locate the documents
			of the Respondent	Andraous' request lacks	(iii) documents related to	requested and
			as the latter has	relevance and materiality.		produce them to
			relied on several	Andraous fails to	(iv) personal invoices, (v)	Claimant, or
			documents from	substantiate how the	salary statements, (vi)	otherwise inform
			these files in its	alleged "personal (hard	insurance policies, and (vii)	Claimant whether the
			Statement of	copy) files" requested "are	tax files, all of which were	requested documents
			Defence on	relevant to the case and	requested by Respondent in	have been lost,
			Jurisdiction and	material to its outcome" in	its Request for Document	destroyed or do not
			security for costs	accordance with Article	Production. The documents	exist.

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			submissions. By	3.3(b) of the IBA Rules.	are therefore relevant and	
			not producing	Andraous merely states that	material and demonstrate	
			these documents,	"the file [sic] contains	Claimant's nationality and	
			the Parties would	information on his	investment (including but	
			be treated	•	not limited to proof of	
			unequally.		ownership of Claimant's	
				information – and which	,	
				_	Respondent has already	
				relates to and why such files		
					documents in its Statement	
				material to this case.	of Defence on Jurisdiction	
					(whether or not as	
				Furthermore, Andraous fails	excerpts).	
				to describe a <u>narrow and</u>		
					These categories are narrow	
					and specific, and so are all of	
				with Article 3.3(a) of the IBA	-	
					documents located at the	
					Claimant's office at the time	
					of the Takeover.	
				provides no description of	A A	
				•	Moreover, it is recalled that	
					the Parties are on an	
				=	unequal footing in these	
					proceedings. The requested	
					documents were seized	
				•	unlawfully without sharing	
				content of the documents.	an inventory with Claimant,	

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				The request is thus overly	and without being returned	
				broad and tantamount to a	to Claimant as its rightful	
				fishing expedition rather	owner.	
				than a request for		
				documents in conformity	Finally, it must be noted that	
				with the requirements of	Claimant's alleged visit on 25	
				Article 3 of the IBA Rules.	February 2021 is fabricated.	
					Neither Claimant nor	
				Lastly, the Kingdom of the	were present at	
				Netherlands notes that the	that meeting. This can be	
				request attempts to present	corroborated by any third	
					party, and Respondent could	
				surrounding the adoption of	have easily checked its	
					allegation by searching for a	
					Passenger Locator Form on	
				_	-	
				retention of Andraous'	was required in that period.	
				personal files. Andraous		
				misrepresents the facts by		
				stating that he "had no		
				opportunity to preserve the		
				evidence to prove his case".		
				In fact, he has since visited		
				said office, for instance on		
				25 February 2021 together		
				with		
				(together		
				with lawyers from		

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				both requested – and received – their personal files. By contrast, at no point did Andraous request access to any alleged personal files or complain that personal files were not returned to him. Nevertheless, and though immaterial for the purposes of these proceedings, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will search for, and provide, Andraous' files of a personal nature to the extent they can be reasonably identified.		
2	Claimant	insurance in the	Respondent's Statement of Defence on Jurisdiction, para. 159	and the second s	Respondent admits the requested document's relevance, materiality and specificity as it itself has invoked Claimant's life insurance as a relevant and material point in these	The Tribunal takes note that the document requested is both in Claimant's possession and in the record as Exhibit R-034-DUTCH.

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				the Netherlands has, to that end, requested documents relating to Andraous' insurance policies in its Request No. 1 dated 5 June 2024) – the Kingdom of the Netherlands has already exhibited the life insurance document in question as Exhibit R-034-DUTCH, as referenced in its SoD at paras. 130 and 145, respectively. For the sake of completeness, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will also provide any further documentation within its possession pertaining to Andraous' said life insurance.	proceedings. Claimant notes that its reference to Respondent's Statement of Defence on Jurisdiction is sufficient to satisfy the relevance and materiality criterion, as well as that of specificity. Again, it is unclear to Claimant why Respondent requests Claimant to produce this information as not the latter but Respondent is in possession of Claimant's private files (see Document Request No. 1). Claimant welcomes Respondent's efforts to furnish documents relating to life insurance.	The Tribunal also takes note that Respondent will voluntarily produce additional documentation relating to Mr. Andraous' life insurance.
3	Claimant	Detailed documentation of shareholders equity of Ennia	Respondent's	"detailed documentation of shareholders equity of Ennia Caribe Holding N.V.",	Claimant welcomes Respondent's efforts to provide the stock register regarding Ennia Caribe Holding N.V	The Tribunal takes note that Respondent has voluntarily accepted to produce the documents

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		Requested				
		Caribe Holding N.V.	Jurisdiction, para. 195, which is not a correct replication of Exhibit RL-018	indirectly holds the Ennia subsidiaries of which he was a director and purports to be an indirect shareholder, on account of the unexplained claim that Figure 3 of the SoD "is not a correct replication of Exhibit RL-018". To the latter point, the Kingdom of the Netherlands assumes that Andraous is referring to the full structure chart of PIBV and Ennia in para. 3.2 of Exhibit RL-018. As mentioned explicitly in the SoD, the structure chart is "simplified" (see Figures 1 and 3). Accordingly, it only includes the relevant portion of the corporate structure and accurately represents the relationship between the relevant Ennia entities for the purposes of	ownership of the company of which Claimant is a shareholder and investor.	responsive to this request.

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				In the interest of transparency and procedural efficiency, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will provide Andraous with the stock register of Ennia Caribe Holding N.V. However, the Kingdom of the Netherlands also notes that Andraous fails to provide any reasoning as to how the requested documents relate to his pleaded case and would have bearing on the outcome of the dispute, merely alleging that Figure 3 is incorrect. The relevance and materiality of the request is thereby left entirely unsubstantiated. Andraous likewise fails to describe a narrow and specific category of documents, referring vaguely to "detailed"		

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				documentation of shareholders equity of Ennia Caribe Holding N.V.", without providing any specification, nor any indication of timeframe with respect to the requested documentation.		
4	Claimant	statements (as per compliance requirements)		The Kingdom of the Netherlands objects to Andraous' Request No. 4 on the grounds set out below. Andraous requests UBO statements "prepared by Ennia and sent to those banks where Ennia has an account" without any further substantiation, merely referencing a section of the SoD in which the Kingdom of the Netherlands explains that Andraous has not proven his ownership of shares in PIBV and, in fact, sold and	Each couple of years, the banks ask Ennia to update "Know your client" ("KYC") information. This includes a statement of ultimate beneficial owners ("UBO"). As these banks will not accept a company or a foundation as a UBO, one must identify each individual shareholder. Usually, only shareholders of at least 5% of the share capital must be identified, but Ennia's policy was to break down the entire share capital (usually via email).	The Tribunal considers that the documents requested seem prima facie relevant and material and have been narrowly and specifically identified. Further, the Tribunal takes note of Claimant's position that the periodic UBO statements are not in his possession, custody or control. Respondent is ordered to endeavour

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				transferred his shares in PIBV on 1 December 2015. Andraous fails to substantiate relevance and materiality in accordance with Article 3.3(b) of the IBA Rules. Andraous provides no reasoning on how these documents relate to his pleaded case and would have bearing on the outcome of the dispute. Specifically, Andraous does not elaborate on how these documents would disprove the fact that he does not hold an 'investment' in Ennia, as follows from his own evidence that he has sold his shares in PIBV in 2015 (see SoD, paras. 192-194, as referred by Andraous). In any event, a 1% shareholder would not qualify as an ultimate beneficial owner for the purposes of such UBO	owner. While Claimant agrees it carries the burden of proof to demonstrate that it has an investment, it needs to be able to do so. Therefore, Respondent must share the above	to locate and produce the periodic UBO statements filed by the Ennia entities.

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				statements submitted to banks. Accordingly, UBO statements would not serve as evidence of Andraous' alleged 1% shareholding in Ennia.		
				Furthermore, Andraous fails to describe <u>narrow and specific</u> documents in accordance with Article 3.3(a) of the IBA Rules. The request lacks any specification as to which Ennia entities or which banks it pertains to, as well as any indication of the timeframe for which Andraous is seeking the documents and why.		
				Lastly, the Kingdom of the Netherlands notes that Andraous, as a purported shareholder of Ennia, shall be expected to hold in his possession documents that directly and conclusively		

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				demonstrate his shareholding with a view to satisfying his burden of proof vis-à-vis the requirement of having a qualifying 'investment' under the BIT.		
5	Claimant	government file on the Claimant held by the public authorities in the Kingdom of the Netherlands (including Curaçao and Sint Maarten)	Defence on Jurisdiction, Section III.	Kingdom of the Netherlands will provide Andraous with his complete naturalization file. The Kingdom of the Netherlands does, however, once again note that	gives its consent with regard to the requested tax statements. Again, as Respondent has invoked these points in its Statement of Defence on Jurisdiction, Claimant's request is relevant and material (as well as narrow	The Tribunal takes note that Respondent has voluntarily accepted to produce the documents responsive to this request, except for the tax form, which Respondent is unable to produce due to their confidential nature under the laws of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Tribunal takes note, however, that Claimant gave its consent with regard

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		tax return		file on the Claimant"		to the requested tax
		forms)		without providing any		statements.
				description of the		
				requested documents. The		The Tribunal takes
				request lacks any		note that Respondent
				specification as to		also requested the
				presumed contents,		production of Mr.
				presumed type, presumed		Andraous Dutch tax
				date or timeframe of the		return forms
				requested documents, or by		(Respondent's
				which public authorities		Request No.5).
				these documents are		Danassa hadb Dantina
				presumably held.		Because both Parties
				With regard to Andraous'		agree that the Dutch tax returns should be
				tax return forms, the		available in this
				Kingdom of the Netherlands		arbitration, the
				notes that these are strictly		Tribunal invites the
				confidential documents		Parties to cooperate
				protected by privacy laws.		and endeavor to
				According to these laws, the		fulfill the procedural
				tax authorities are not		formalities to obtain
				permitted to share tax		Mr. Andraous' Dutch
				return forms of an		tax records for
				individual with other organs		disclosure and use in
				of the State without the		this arbitration as the
				explicit consent of the		Parties consider
				individual concerned.		appropriate.

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		-1		Therefore, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is unable to obtain tax return forms of Andraous without his explicit consent. Conversely, Andraous should hold these documents in his possession or be able to directly request them from the tax authorities himself. To that end, the Kingdom of the Netherlands has in fact requested this information from Andraous in its Request No. 9 dated 5 June 2024.		
6	Claimant				Claimant welcomes Respondent's efforts to produce the rest of the personal questionnaires.	The Tribunal takes note that Respondent has voluntarily accepted to produce the Documents responsive to this request.

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				The Kingdom of the Netherlands does, however, once again note that Andraous' request lacks relevance and materiality. Andraous fails to substantiate how the requested documents "are relevant to the case and material to its outcome", in accordance with Article 3.3(b) of the IBA Rules, stating merely that only a selection was provided.		
7	Claimant	Complete Curaçao Commercial Register files	(Only excerpts have been provided: Exhibits R-016, R-020, R-021, R-023-DUTCH, R-024-DUTCH, R-027, R-028, R-029, R-030-DUTCH, R-031, and R-043)	"[c]omplete Curaçao Commercial Register files", referring to information from publicly available	Respondent has introduced these documents, they are relevant and material (as	The Tribunal takes note that the documents requested are in the public domain and readily accessible to Claimant. The Tribunal appreciates Respondent's effort to indicate the

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		Requested		In the interest of procedural efficiency, the Kingdom of the Netherlands specifies the following with regard to the referenced exhibits: • Exhibits R-016, R-020, R-022, R-027, R-028, R-029, R-031 and R-043: these excerpts have been obtained by accessing the following website of the Curaçao Commercial Register (managed by the Curaçao Chamber of Commerce) — https://www2.curacao-chamber.cw/companys elect.asp — or have otherwise been requested from the Curaçao Chamber of Commerce in the years		sources of the documents for Claimant to obtain access to these archives. In light of the above, Claimant's request is rejected.
				preceding the digital website that immediately generates		

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				excerpts. The information contained therein is publicly available. Such excerpts are made available by the Commercial Register, offering entity profiles containing information relevant at the moment of the request, such as full legal name, registration number and date, legal address, directors, etc. For the avoidance of doubt, the 'excerpts', as they are referred to by the Curaçao Chamber of Commerce, are in and of themselves complete. Exhibit R-024: is a form completed with a view to submitting it to the Curaçao Chamber of Commerce to register the date of incorporation and		

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		Requested	,			
		•		establishment of		
				Resorts Caribe B.V.		
				• Exhibits R-023-DUTCH		
				and R-030-DUTCH:		
				these documents are		
				completed 'Model Q'		
				forms that are		
				submitted to the		
				Curaçao Chamber of		
				Commerce to register		
				new official(s) of legal		
				entities. The template		
				forms are accessible on		
				the following website of		
				the Curaçao Chamber		
				of Commerce:		
				https://www.curacaoch		
				amberofcommerce.co		
				m/registry-		
				services/registry-		
				<u>forms/</u> . For the		
				avoidance of doubt,		
				these documents are		
				complete and were		
				signed by Andraous		
				himself. The Kingdom of		
				the Netherlands notes		
				that, although		

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				Andraous does not raise it, Exhibit R-026-DUTCH is the same in terms of format, scope, and length. Exhibit R-025-Dutch: this document is a completed form that was similarly submitted to the Curaçao Chamber of Commerce in 2007 to register the new managing directors of National Investment Bank N.V In relation to Exhibit R-021, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will provide the second page of the document, which was not included as part of the initial exhibit as an oversight. The Kingdom of the Netherlands does, however, once again note that Andraous fails to		

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				substantiate the relevance and materiality of the request. Andraous likewise fails to describe a narrow and specific category of documents in terms of the entities in relation to which the documents are sought and the time period for which they are requested.		
8	Claimant	Complete files of Sint Maarten Personal Records Database regarding,	' '	While once again noting that Andraous leaves this request unsubstantiated, the Kingdom of the Netherlands has already placed all available documentation from the Sint Maarten Personal Records Database regarding on the record. For the avoidance of doubt, the 'excerpts', as they are referred to by the Sint		The Tribunal takes note that the documents requested have been completely produced as Exhibits R-037-DUTCH, R-038-DUTCH, R-039-DUTCH).

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				Maarten Personal Records Database, are in and of themselves complete.		