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### ARBITRATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

THE HAGUE, 29 February 2016

#### Tribunal determines schedule and modalities for public attendance of hearing on provisional measures

In the arbitration concerning the “Enrica Lexie” Incident (*Italy v. India*), a request for provisional measures had been filed by Italy on 11 December 2015. In accordance with Procedural Order No. 1, India responded in writing to Italy’s request on 26 February 2016. The Arbitral Tribunal has now issued further direction regarding the schedule and the modalities for public attendance of the upcoming hearing on provisional measures.

#### *Schedule for the public hearing*

The hearing on provisional measures will commence on Wednesday, 30 March 2016. The Arbitral Tribunal has determined the following schedule for the hearing:

#### **First round of oral argument: Wednesday, 30 March 2016**

Italy	9:30 am to 11:00 am
<i>Break</i>	<i>11:00 am to 11:30 am</i>
Italy (cont’d)	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
<i>Break</i>	<i>1:00 pm to 3:00 pm</i>
India	3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
<i>Break</i>	<i>4:30 pm to 5:00 pm</i>
India (cont’d)	5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

#### **Second round of oral argument: Thursday, 31 March 2016**

Italy	10:00 am to 11:30 am
<i>Break</i>	<i>11:30 am to 4:30 pm</i>
India	4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

#### *Attending the hearing*

According to the Rules of Procedure in this arbitration, the hearing is in principle open to the public. However, portions of the hearing may proceed *in camera* (confidentially), if the Arbitral Tribunal considers so necessary for the smooth conduct of the proceedings or for the protection of confidential information.

The Arbitral Tribunal has determined that the hearing will be held in the Japanese Room of the Peace Palace, The Hague. In view of the limited capacity of the hearing room, representatives of the press and the general public will be able to follow the hearing live in a separate room of the Peace Palace through closed-circuit television (CCTV).

Those wishing to attend the hearing are required to register in advance, by sending an e-mail to [registration@pca-cpa.org](mailto:registration@pca-cpa.org). Registrants are requested to submit their full name (as stated in their passport), date of birth, nationality, and occupation/organization to which they are affiliated (if any). The deadline for registration is **23 March 2016**. Confirmation of attendance will be communicated by e-mail on 29 March 2016. Only those registrants who have received advance confirmation from the PCA will be granted access to the Peace Palace.

Representatives of the press are requested to submit, with their registration, the press accreditation form, attached to the present Press Release.

Should the number of registrants exceed the number of available seats, the PCA will allocate seats on a first-come-first-serve basis. However, members of the diplomatic and consular corps wishing to attend the hearing will be given priority.

Attendees are kindly asked to arrive at the Peace Palace no later than 30 minutes before the start of the proceedings, to allow the requisite security procedures to be completed.

#### *Interviews and photography*

On the first day of the hearing, accredited press photographers will be allowed to take photographs before the start of the Parties' presentations. No photography will be permitted once the Parties' presentations have begun, and photographers will be asked to leave the hearing room at that stage. Filming will not be permitted at any time during the hearing.

In addition, a selection of high-resolution pictures taken by a professional photographer on the PCA's behalf will be made available on the PCA Case Repository (<http://www.pcacases.com/web/view/117>) on 30 March 2016 by 2 pm and by 7 pm. These photographs may be freely downloaded and reproduced (with appropriate credit).

In the event that the press wishes to interview members of the Parties' delegations, such interviews may be conducted after the close of each hearing day (*i.e.* after 6:30 pm) inside the Peace Palace (except the Japanese Room). There will be no restrictions in respect of photography or filming at that stage. However, during the hearing day, any interviews must be conducted outside the building to avoid any disruption to the conduct of the proceedings.

The proceedings will not be broadcast on the internet. Instead, verbatim transcripts of the hearing will be published on the PCA Case Repository approximately two weeks after the hearing.

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Further information about the status of the proceedings will periodically be made available on the PCA Case Repository.

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