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PRESS RELEASE

**ARBITRATION CONCERNING A TERRITORIAL AND MARITIME DISPUTE
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

THE HAGUE, 26 April 2017

Tribunal Declares Hearings Closed and Plans to Render Award in the Coming Months

By letter of 29 March 2017, the Tribunal in the arbitration between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia informed the representatives of Croatia and Slovenia that, having advanced in its deliberations, the Tribunal was now satisfied that there was no need for any further submissions from the Parties in respect of the merits of the case. The Tribunal thus declared the hearings closed in accordance with the applicable rules of procedure. The Tribunal further indicated that it planned to render a Final Award in the proceedings in the coming months. The specific date for the rendering of the Final Award remains to be fixed and will be made known in due course.

The Tribunal is chaired by Judge Gilbert Guillaume (France), former President of the International Court of Justice. The other members of the Arbitral Tribunal are Ambassador Rolf Einar Fife (Norway), Professor Vaughan Lowe (United Kingdom), Professor Nicolas Michel (Switzerland), and Judge Bruno Simma (Germany). The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) acts as registry in the arbitration.

Further information about the arbitration is available on the PCA Case Repository (<https://pcacases.com/web/view/3>).

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