



Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

the Permanent Court of Arbitration
headquartered at the Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ
The Hague
The Netherlands

and

the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution
headquartered at Park Plaza, Bldg 247 Road 1704
Diplomatic Area, Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 4 December, 2013, between:

(1) **THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION (“PCA”)**, headquartered at the Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ The Hague, The Netherlands;

and

(2) **THE BAHRAIN CHAMBER OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION (“BCDR-AAA”)**, headquartered at Park Plaza, Bldg 247 Road 1704, Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain;

together also referred to as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS:

(A) The Parties recognize the benefits of promoting cooperation among international arbitral institutions;

(B) The Parties desire to strengthen their ties to promote the more effective resolution of international disputes through arbitration and other means of dispute settlement.

NOW THEREFORE, BCDR-AAA and the PCA agree as follows:

1. The Parties, recognizing the importance of promoting arbitration and other means of dispute resolution, agree to cooperate, wherever possible and within their respective mandates, in order to facilitate the discharge of their respective functions.
2. The Parties shall invite parties to proceedings they administer to seek the support of the PCA and BCDR-AAA, as appropriate, where such support can complement the services provided by the other Party, including the provision of venues for hearings.

Whenever a Party (the “Requesting Institution”) requires facilities and services of the other Party (“Host”), the Secretary-General of the PCA or the Chief Executive Officer of BCDR-AAA, as appropriate, shall submit a written request to the Host, indicating the facilities and services that will be required and the dates upon which such facilities and services will be required.

3. After receipt of such written request, the Host will promptly inform the Requesting Institution in writing whether and to what extent the requested facilities and services can be made available to the Requesting Institution on the dates indicated in the request.
4. If so requested by the Requesting Institution, the Host shall, to the extent possible, assist the Requesting Institution in securing the services of, *inter alia*, court reporters, interpreters, translators, and caterers.
5. The Parties will endeavor to cooperate in the organization of conferences, lectures, and seminars on arbitration and other means of dispute resolution, and they shall exchange information and expertise on subjects of mutual interest.
6. The Parties shall separately agree on the handling of fees and costs arising as a consequence of the above, as appropriate.
7. The agreement may be terminated
 - a) by mutual consent of BCDR-AAA and the PCA; or
 - b) by either Party giving notice to the other Party at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, provided that such termination shall not affect the conduct of previously scheduled proceedings.
8. This agreement is concluded in English in two authentic copies.

SIGNED for and on behalf of
the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution
Nassib G. Ziadé
Chief Executive Officer

SIGNED for and on behalf of
the Permanent Court of Arbitration
Brooks W. Daly
Deputy Secretary-General