ANNEX A

Schedule of Proceedings

Pursuant to ICSID Arbitration Rule 13(1), the Tribunal must hold its first session within 60 days of its constitution. The Secretariat requests that each arbitrator verify his/her availability during that period prior to accepting an appointment so as not to delay the commencement of the case. In this regard, please note that although ICSID encourages holding the first session by telephone or video conference, the parties may prefer an in-person meeting. Immediately upon constitution of the Tribunal, the Secretariat will consult the Members of the Tribunal and the parties to assist in scheduling the first session.

More generally, arbitrators are encouraged to consider their availability during the next 24 months and accept an appointment only if they have sufficient time to dedicate to the case, including consecutive free days to sit at hearings. Once a procedural calendar is adopted, in addition to reserving all hearing dates, arbitrators should maintain reasonable flexibility in their calendar to ensure that they are able to diligently and efficiently attend to the case.

The Secretariat also urges arbitrators to reserve time before hearings for consultations among Tribunal members, as well as time at the close of hearings to determine next steps and to hold deliberations. ICSID is pleased to make World Bank Group facilities available for this purpose at no charge to the parties.

Finally, please note that ICSID Arbitration Rule 38(1) requires the Tribunal to close the proceeding when the presentation of the case by the parties is completed. ICSID Arbitration Rule 46 requires the Tribunal to render an award within 120 days after the closure of the proceeding.