

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

Sodexo Pass International SAS

v.

Hungary

(ICSID Case No. ARB/14/20)

**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 2
REGARDING THE PLACE OF PROCEEDINGS**

Professor William W. Park, President of the Tribunal
Mr. Andrea Carlevaris, Arbitrator
Mr. John Christopher Thomas QC, Arbitrator

Secretary of the Tribunal
Ms. Aïssatou Diop

Paragraph 10.1 of Procedural Order No. 1 provides: “London, United Kingdom, shall be the place of the proceeding, unless, from a costs perspective including, *inter alia*, the costs for hearing premises and travel, it would be more suitable to hold the hearing at Washington D.C., United States.”

On 1 June 2015, the Secretary of the Tribunal provided the parties with a comparison of ICSID’s costs for a one-week hearing in Washington, D.C. and a one-week hearing in London and requested the parties to indicate their preferred place of proceeding, based on which, the Tribunal would indicate its available dates for a hearing on the merits in the event no preliminary objections are raised.

On 5 June 2015, the Claimant stated that it “favors London from an overall costs perspective, but would accept Washington DC, should it be more convenient for the Arbitral Tribunal from a logistical viewpoint.”

On 15 June 2015, the Respondent stated “on the basis of the preliminary calculations received from ICSID and the calculations made in relation to hotel and other expenses, Respondent prefers the hearing to be held in Washington D.C.”

In view of the parties’ responses, the Tribunal decided to hold the hearing in Washington, D.C. from 1-5 May 2017 and asked the parties to confirm their availability on these dates. Both parties so confirmed on 17 June 2015.

In light of the above, the hearing will be held in Washing D.C. from 1-5 May 2017 inclusive.

On behalf of the Tribunal

[signed]

Professor William W. Park
President of the Tribunal
18 June 2015