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RE: PCA CASE NO. 2023-14 – INDUS WATERS TREATY NEUTRAL EXPERT PROCEEDINGS (INDIA V. PAKISTAN)

Dear Shri Rao,
Dear Mr. Awan,
Dear Mr. Akbar,

I write on behalf of the Neutral Expert in the above-referenced matter.

1. Transcript Corrections and Invitation to India to Comment on the Transcript

As indicated in the Registry's e-mail correspondence of 11 June 2026, the complete audio-recording and transcript of the Fifth Meeting may be accessed via the following link:

[REDACTED]

The Parties are invited to submit their corrections to the transcript by **Tuesday, 30 June 2026**.

India is also invited to submit any comments it may have regarding the transcript by **Monday, 13 July 2026**. Should India submit such comments, Pakistan will be given the opportunity to reply within an appropriate period of time.

2. Neutral Expert's Document and Information Requests

Following Pakistan's confirmation on Day 3 of the Fifth Meeting, the Neutral Expert looks forward to receiving the following data, information and comments from Pakistan by **Tuesday, 30 June 2026**:

- (i) the data and information requested under Items 16-22 of the Neutral Expert's Questions and Documents Requests of 8 and 9 June 2026;
- (ii) the native files for the diagrams on slides 32 to 37 of Mr Peter Rae's presentation of 10 June 2026;
- (iii) an explanation of the difference between the average flow rate at the KHEP for January 2022 as presented on Slide 37 of Mr Peter Rae's presentation of 10 June 2026, and the flow rate estimated at Achura Bridge as submitted by India in Enclosure 3 of its letter to the Neutral Expert dated 31 July 2024 (Average Daily estimated discharge at Achura (2021-23)); and
- (iv) in connection with the modelling exercise, Pakistan's calibrated SRH-1D model of the BHEP, together with a description of the calibration steps and proposed parameters.

3. Fixing of Next Steps

The Neutral Expert recalls his proposal for the next steps and deadlines in these proceedings circulated by the Registry on 9 June 2026. India is invited to review that proposal, as well as the case management portion of the transcript on Day 3 of the Fifth Meeting, and to submit, by **Friday, 19 June 2026**, any comments it may have regarding the next steps in these proceedings.

The Neutral Expert also recalls Pakistan's request on Day 3 of the Fifth Meeting to revert after the meeting regarding the following dates and deadlines proposed by the Neutral Expert:

#	EVENT	PARTY	DATE
23.	Circulation by the Neutral Expert of a Draft Decision to the Parties	Neutral Expert	
24.	Parties' Written Comments on the Draft Decision	Parties	
25.	Eighth Meeting of the Neutral Expert with the Parties - Exchange on the Draft Decision	All	
26.	Parties' Further Written Comments on the Draft Decision	Parties	
27.	Circulation by the Neutral Expert of a Final Decision to the Parties	Neutral Expert	

Pakistan is invited to submits its comments regarding these proposals by **Friday, 19 June 2026**.

With respect to the modelling exercise, the Neutral Expert confirms that the assumption note for Calculation C will be circulated to the Parties by Wednesday, 17 June 2026.

Following receipt of the Parties' comments (if any) on next steps and availabilities, the Neutral Expert will set the timetable for the remainder of these proceedings.

In the meantime, for good order, the Neutral Expert confirms that, as implied in his proposal of 9 June 2026, the dates previously reserved for the next meeting of the Neutral Expert with the Parties, *i.e.*, 13-17 July 2026, are now vacated.

4. Publication

In accordance with Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules, the Neutral Expert has instructed the Registry to publish the present letter, as well as the Neutral Expert's letters dated 9 and 10 June 2026, on its website on Thursday, 18 June 2026, in an appropriately redacted form.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague Ms. Balla Galma Godana (+230 5252 0893/ +31 627 064 215; bgodana@pca-cpa.org) should you have any question regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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