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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. Pakistan's Extension Request

The Neutral Expert acknowledges receipt of Pakistan's letter dated 11 August 2026, requesting an extension from 20 to 31 August 2026 for the submission of (i) its Design Elaboration Memo and (ii) its comments on the Second Interim Report on Calculation A. Pakistan indicates that these extensions are necessary "to enable Pakistan's engineering team to complete its work and fully take into account the interim reports from the Neutral Expert's Modelling Team".

Having regard to the timing of the Interim Notes on Calculation A and the Interim Report on Calculation C, which were provided to the Parties on 24 July 2026, 3 August 2026 and 10 August 2026, respectively, Pakistan's extension request is granted. Pakistan's Design Elaboration Memo and the Parties' comments on the Second Interim Report on Calculation are accordingly due on **Monday, 31 August 2026**.

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2. Assumption Note for Calculation A

As foreseen in paragraph 17 of Annex E (Scope of Work) to the Modelling Specialists' Terms of Reference, the Parties are invited to find attached the Assumption Note for Calculation A.

The Parties are requested to submit any comments they may have on this Assumption Note by **Monday, 31 August 2026**.

3. Publication

In accordance with Paragraph 14.2 of the Supplemental Rules, the Neutral Expert has instructed the Registry to publish the present letter on its website on Tuesday, 18 August 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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Encl.: Assumption Note for Calculation A

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