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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.

2. Pakistan's letter dated 1 September 2026

The Neutral Expert further acknowledges receipt of Pakistan's letter dated 1 September 2026, providing an update on the proceedings before the Court of Arbitration in the *Indus Waters Western Rivers Arbitration (Pakistan v. India)*, including the Court's Award on the Status of the Indus Waters Treaty in Respect of India's Decision on Abeyance dated 31 August 2026 and its Order of the same date on the Interim Measures Application of Pakistan dated 4 March 2026.

Pakistan has requested permission to make brief written submissions on the implications of the Court's Award and Order for the present proceedings by 28 September 2026. This request is granted, and both Parties are invited to submit any comments they may have on the implications of the Court's Award and Order for the present proceedings by **Monday, 28 September 2026**.

3. Intra-Independent Modelling Stage Meetings

Having regard to the matters raised in the Neutral Expert's letter dated 4 September 2026, the Parties are advised that, notwithstanding the Neutral Expert's earlier queries regarding the Parties' availability, no Intra-Independent Modelling Stage Meetings will take place in the week of 14 September 2026. These Meetings will be re-scheduled in due course, as appropriate.

4. 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 14 September 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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