

**PRESS RELEASE****ABYEI ARBITRATION :****ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL TO RENDER FINAL AWARD
ON JULY 22, 2009 AT THE PEACE PALACE**

In the matter of an arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration Agreement Between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army on Delimiting the Abyei Area, the arbitral Tribunal will render its final award ("Award") on July 22, 2009, 10:00a.m. (CET; GMT +2), at the Peace Palace, The Hague.

During this ceremony, the Presiding Arbitrator will personally deliver the Award to representatives from both Parties and deliver a brief statement summarizing the Award. The ceremony will be webstreamed live on the Permanent Court of Arbitration ("PCA") website beginning at approximately 10:00 am (CET; GMT +2) on July 22, 2009 (http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1306). Representatives of the States and other entities who witnessed the signing of the Parties' Comprehensive Peace Agreement have been invited to attend the ceremony. Members of the Sudanese and international media are also invited to be present.

Immediately after the ceremony, the Award will be made public through the PCA website. The PCA will also issue a press release (in both English and Arabic), which will provide a short summary of the most critical aspects of the Award.

The PCA emphasizes that until the Award is rendered at the ceremony on July 22, 2009, its contents will continue to be absolutely confidential. No person or entity has or will be given advanced notice of the Tribunal's decision.

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Oral pleadings, which were open to the public and attended by over 200 representatives of the Parties, were held at the Peace Palace in The Hague from April 18 to April 23, 2009. Under the Arbitration Agreement, the Tribunal's Final Award was sought by the Parties within 90 days from the closure of submissions on April 23, 2009, i.e., by July 22, 2009.

The oral pleadings were webstreamed live on the PCA website, and a video recording of those proceedings remains available. By agreement, pleadings, transcripts, and other documents relating to these proceedings have also been made public. These are all available at the PCA website (http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1306).

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The PCA International Bureau is acting as Registry in this Arbitration. The Tribunal is composed of the following members:

Professor Pierre-Marie Dupuy (Presiding Arbitrator)

H.E. Judge Awn Al-Khasawneh

Professor Gerhard Hafner

Professor W. Michael Reisman

Judge Stephen Schwebel

The PCA was established by treaty in 1899 and is the oldest intergovernmental organization devoted to the peaceful resolution of disputes through arbitration in the world. Its seat is at the Peace Palace, The Hague, The Netherlands. Further information on the PCA is available at <http://www.pca-cpa.org>.

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July 14, 2009