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THE HAGUE, April 16, 2009

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 Abyei Area, oral pleadings will be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague from April 18 to April 23, 2009. The oral pleadings will be open to the public and the media, and will be **webstreamed live** on the Permanent Court of Arbitration ("PCA") website beginning at 9:30 am (CET) on April 18, 2009 (http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1306).

The PCA International Bureau is acting as Registry and providing administrative support to the Arbitral Tribunal, which 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 Parties have agreed to make the pleadings, transcripts, decisions and certain other documents public. These are available at the PCA website.

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