The Role of the PCA within the ECT Framework

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Administrative Council: 116 Member States
PCA Members of the Court: Japan

- Judge Shunji Yanai
- Professor Shinya Murase
- Dr. Nisuke Ando
- Judge Hisashi Owada
PCA International Bureau
50 Staff, 27 Nationalities
ARTICLE 27

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN CONTRACTING PARTIES

(…) 

(k) Unless the Contracting Parties agree otherwise, the tribunal shall sit in The Hague, and use the premises and facilities of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
ARTICLE 26(4)(b)
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BETWEEN AN INVESTOR AND A CONTRACTING PARTY

…a sole arbitrator or ad hoc arbitration tribunal established under the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (hereinafter referred to as “UNCITRAL”); …
Current PCA Docket: 94 Cases

- Investment Treaty: 53
- Contracts with States, State Entities, or IGOs: 29
- Inter-State: 8
- Other: 4

Total: 94 cases
Yukos

Hulley Enterprises Limited (Cyprus) v. The Russian Federation
Yukos Universal Limited (Isle of Man) v. The Russian Federation
Veteran Petroleum Limited (Cyprus) v. The Russian Federation
4. By any standard, and as will be seen, these have been mammoth arbitrations. At the highest, Claimants are claiming damages from Respondent of “no less than US$ 114.174 billion.”²
1. PCA Secretary-General as Appointing Authority

- Appointed the Chairman
- Resolved arbitrator challenge
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2. Organization of Hearings, Procedural Meetings, and Deliberations

- 1 x Procedural Meeting in Paris
- 1 x Procedural Meeting in The Hague
- 2 x Procedural Meetings in London
- Jurisdictional (3 weeks) and Merits Hearings (5 weeks) in The Hague
3. Management of Archives

4. ... 

The written submissions of the Parties span more than 4,000 pages and the transcripts of the hearings more than 2,700 pages. Over 8,800 exhibits have been filed with the Tribunal.
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4. Facilitate safe passage of witnesses

PCA HQ Agreement with Netherlands grants privileges and immunities to witnesses.
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5. Managed the Deposit

- GAR: “As well as yielding the largest arbitration award in history, the nine-year *Yukos* proceedings notched up a remarkable US$124 million in legal fees and costs.” …

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In context, the costs of Yukos are not disproportionate.
Counsel fees and related expenses: 82%

Arbitrator fees and expenses: 16%

Administrative expenses of the institution: 2%
The Japanese Room, Peace Palace
Thank you.