

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE ARBITRATOR

- The arbitrator has a duty to complete the statement of independence in accordance with the obligations set forth in the Arbitration Rules of the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia.
- It is the responsibility of the arbitrator to act impartially and independently during the entire course of arbitration proceedings (Article 9, AMCA Arbitration Rules).
- The statement of independence should encompass any relevant facts, circumstances, or relationships, whether they are direct or indirect. The arbitrator must disclose the duration of any such aspects, specifying the beginning and ending dates. Additionally, when completing the statement of independence, the arbitrator should take into consideration any ongoing professional relationships they may have with a particular person or organization.
- Each of the Parties reserves the right to challenge the arbitrator if circumstances arise that give rise to reasonable doubt about the arbitrator's impartiality or independence, or if the arbitrator lacks the relevant qualifications as defined by the Parties.
- It is essential to maintain the integrity and credibility of the arbitration proceedings. Therefore, any challenge to the arbitrator should be made in good faith and based on valid grounds supported by sufficient evidence.
- When filling in the statement of independence, the arbitrator may consider the Article 9 of AMCA rules, attached to the Secretariat's letter of appointment.

**DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND STATEMENT OF
INDEPENDENCE OF THE ARBITRATOR**

ARBITRATION (----)

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As for the captioned arbitration, I, the undersigned _____,
[please, fill in the relevant boxes]

ACCEPT to serve as arbitrator in accordance with the Secretariat's letter of appointment dated -----, the Arbitration Rules of Arbitration and Mediation Center of Armenia.

DON'T ACCEPT to serve as arbitrator.

(If the you wish to specify the reasons of your non acceptance, please do so)



DECLARE that I am and intend to remain independent and impartial in this dispute. To the best of my knowledge, there are no facts, circumstances, or relationships that may affect my independence and impartiality.

Date _____

Signature _____

ARTICLE 9. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS. CHALLENGE OF ARBITRATOR

- 1. All arbitrators must act impartially and independently during the entire course of arbitration proceedings.
- 2. Irrespective of who is the nominating Party under the specific arbitration case (claimant, respondent, already appointed arbitrators, Arbitration Council, or other appointing body provided for upon the arbitration agreement), any nominated arbitrator shall be obliged to submit to the Secretariat a brief statement on the impartiality and independence thereof, as well as on the absence of conflict of interests, which must also contain the written confirmation of the arbitrator accepting the compensation stated in the Schedule of Costs. In the statement, each arbitrator must undertake, *inter alia*, the following obligations:
 - (1) confirmation that the candidate shall impartially and independently participate in the examination and resolution of the arbitration case;
 - (2) state whether any circumstance or fact is known to the candidate, which may give rise to reasonable doubt with any party regarding his or her impartiality or independence, and if so, what are those circumstances or facts;
 - (3) state whether the candidate is willing to provide sufficient time and invest necessary efforts to ensure the expeditious and effective resolution of the arbitration case.