

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SETTLEMENT OF INVESTMENT DISPUTES

Ayat Nizar Raja Sumrain and others

v.

State of Kuwait

(ICSID Case No. ARB/19/20)

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4
On Suspension of the Proceeding

Members of the Tribunal

Prof. Zachary Douglas QC, President of the Tribunal
Mr. Fernando Piérola Castro, Arbitrator
Mr. Samuel Wordsworth QC, Arbitrator

Secretary of the Tribunal

Ms. Leah Waithira Njoroge

12 May 2021

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. On 1 February 2021, the Tribunal issued Procedural Order No. 2, deciding to bifurcate three of the Respondent's objections to the Tribunal's jurisdiction. In the same Order, the Tribunal invited the Parties to confirm their respective positions regarding the Tribunal's proposal to reserve 20 May 2021 in addition to the scheduled hearing dates of 18 and 19 May 2021. It was subsequently confirmed that the hearing on preliminary objections would take place by video conference from 18 to 19 May 2021, with 20 May 2021 held in reserve.
2. By emails of 11 May 2021, the Parties informed the Tribunal that they had reached an agreement and jointly requested that the Tribunal suspend the proceeding and vacate the scheduled hearing dates.

II. ORDER

3. The Tribunal has taken note that the Parties have reached an agreement, and confirms that (i) the dates for the hearing on preliminary objections are vacated; and (ii) the proceeding is suspended as of 11 May 2021.
4. The Tribunal invites the Parties to provide an update on the status of the proceeding by 11 June 2021.

For and on behalf of the Tribunal,

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Prof. Zachary Douglas QC
President of the Tribunal
Date: 12 May 2021