

VI.1. Host Country Agreements

To facilitate access to its dispute resolution services, the PCA has entered into Host Country Agreements with several of its Contracting Parties. The framework established by Host Country Agreements mirrors that of the Headquarters Agreement between the PCA and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In effect, Host Country Agreements allow the PCA to offer the full benefit of its services outside of The Hague under similar conditions.

By entering into Host Country Agreements, Contracting Parties accord participants in PCA-administered proceedings certain privileges and immunities (such as immunity from legal process), as well as assistance with the provision of facilities and services (such as hearing rooms and secretarial services). In turn, Host Country Agreements raise the profile of the host country as an arbitral forum and provide opportunities for cooperation between local arbitration institutions and the PCA.

On 9 January 2025, the Host Country Agreement between the PCA and the **Federative Republic of Brazil**, signed on 25 August 2017, entered into force, following the completion of all the necessary internal legal and administrative procedures.

On 14 February 2025, the Host Country Agreement signed between the PCA and the **Republic of Ecuador** on 17 October 2022 entered into force, following the completion of all the necessary internal legal and administrative procedures.

On 17 June 2025, the PCA entered into a Host Country Agreement with the **Kingdom of Bahrain**, followed by the signature of a Host Country Agreement with the **Republic of Colombia** on 30 September 2025.

As at the end of 2025, the PCA had Host Country Agreements in force with Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Ecuador, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Mauritius, Paraguay, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Uruguay and Viet Nam. The PCA has concluded Host Country Agreements with a number of other countries but their entry into force is pending completion of national constitutional procedures.



H.E. Ms. Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio Mapy, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, and the PCA Secretary-General, pictured after signing the Host Country Agreement in Bogotá.



H.E. Mr. Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, Minister of Justice of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the PCA Secretary-General during the signature of the Host Country Agreement in Manama.