



Seventy-seventh session

Agenda item 127

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 1 August 2023***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.90)]***77/322. Commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration***The General Assembly,*

Reaffirming the shared mission of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security, the peaceful settlement of international disputes and the progressive development of international law, as embodied in the Conventions for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1899 and 1907 and the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the important contribution of the Permanent Court of Arbitration to the peaceful settlement of disputes, and reaffirming General Assembly resolution [37/10](#) of 15 November 1982 and the annex thereto,¹ including with respect to good faith and international law,

Recalling its resolution [48/3](#) of 13 October 1993, by which the General Assembly invited the Permanent Court of Arbitration to participate in its sessions and work in the capacity of observer,

Noting that the establishment of the Permanent Court of Arbitration was the crowning achievement of the first International Peace Conference, held in The Hague in 1899, “with the object of seeking the most objective means of ensuring to all peoples the benefits of a real and lasting peace”, and that the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration has adopted a resolution at its 209th meeting on the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the organization in 2024,

Recognizing that the Permanent Court of Arbitration has evolved into a modern, multifaceted arbitral institution in response to the dispute resolution needs of the international community, with significant growth in its services and a multitude of

¹ Manila Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes.



instruments referring to the Permanent Court of Arbitration for the resolution of disputes involving States, State entities, intergovernmental organizations and private parties,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Permanent Court of Arbitration to make its dispute resolution services more widely accessible through the conclusion of host country agreements and the opening of its international offices,

Noting with appreciation also the support and participation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the work of organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the International Law Commission, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme and the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling the invitation extended by the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at its 106th meeting in 1959 to States Members of the United Nations which do not yet participate in the activities of the Permanent Court of Arbitration to accede to the Conventions for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1899 and 1907,

1. *Welcomes* the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Permanent Court of Arbitration;
2. *Encourages* Member States to make use of the services of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, consistent with international law, in arbitration, conciliation, mediation, commissions of inquiry and other peaceful means of dispute resolution, and to support the activities of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and contribute to its programmes;
3. *Encourages* Member States that have not yet done so to accede to the Conventions for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes of 1899 and 1907;
4. *Invites* Member States and organizations of the United Nations system to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Permanent Court of Arbitration through appropriate activities funded through voluntary contributions;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders.

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1 August 2023*