

STATEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE ARBITRATOR

Filling in notes

- The arbitrator shall fill in the statement of independence according to his/her duties,
 as set by the Arbitration Rules and the Code of Ethics.
- When filling in the statement of independence, the arbitrator undertakes to enquire exhaustively into any potential conflict of interest, and any doubt should be resolved in favor of disclosure (Art. 7, Para. 2, of the Code of Ethics).
- The statement of independence may concern any facts / circumstances / relationships, either direct, or indirect.
- Duration of any aspect shall be disclosed, specifying its beginning and ending.
- When filling in the statement of independence, the arbitrator shall take into consideration the firm / organization where he/she performs an ongoing professional relationship.
- As for point a) of Art. 18, Para. 2, of the Rules, the statement of independence may concern any facts / circumstances / relationships in regards of:
 - the parties and, where a company is involved, any other entity / individual that is owned by, or related to the same group of any of the parties;
 - the legal representative of the parties;
 - > the parties' counsels, as well as their law firms.

When filling in the statement of independence, the arbitrator may consider the "IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration", attached to the Secretariat's letter of appointment.

Should the Arbitral Council decide on the statement of independence according to Article 18, Para. 4, of the Rules, then it will not be bound in its decision by the IBA Guidelines.