

had recommended acceptance of the Claim internally for negotiation and that it expected to have received a mandate to proceed by now. Unfortunately, it has not although it anticipates receiving instructions in the very near future.

[2] The Claimant prefers a negotiated resolution and would like to wait for the Respondent's response and proposal to negotiate. The Tribunal expressed its concern that negotiation proceed with all speed and on a high-priority basis given the time that has already passed since the filing of the Claim.

[3] The Tribunal requested that the Parties prepare a negotiation work plan setting out the steps of the proposed negotiation, time lines for each step and detail as to what expert reports might be required (with time lines). This work plan will be reviewed at the next CMC with a view to the Tribunal assuming a supervisory role. The Tribunal also advised the Parties that it could probably provide mediation assistance at an appropriate time if that would advance resolution.

[4] The next CMC will be held by teleconference on **April 4, 2018**, at 12:00 P.M., Eastern Time (Ottawa).

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