



Republic of Croatia
Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
First Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister

Zagreb, 24 July 2015

Dear Mr Timmermans,

Please find enclosed the letter which Croatia sent to the Arbitral Tribunal with regard to recent developments concerning the arbitration between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia.

Publicly disclosed conversations between Mr Sekolec, the arbitrator appointed by Slovenia, and Ms Simona Drenik, the Agent of Slovenia reveal that the most fundamental principles of procedural fairness, due process, impartiality and integrity of the arbitral process have been systematically and gravely violated.

We would like to recall that Croatia in the letter sent to the Tribunal on 30 April 2015 has expressed its serious concerns on statements made by Slovenian Foreign Minister which had suggested that Slovenia would have been privy to confidential information related to the Tribunal's deliberations and may have had an informal channel of communication with the Tribunal.

Having considered this situation without known precedent as extremely troubled, Croatia in its letter asked that the Tribunal suspend the proceedings with immediate effect and reflect on the great damage that has been done to the integrity of the entire proceedings as well as to the public perceptions of the legitimacy of the process.

Please accept, Mr Timmermans, the assurances of my highest appreciation.

Yours sincerely,


Vesna Pusić

Mr Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President of the European Commission

cc.

Mr Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission