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ICSID Case No. ARB/16/34

BRIDGESTONE AMERICAS, INC. AND BRIDGESTONE LICENSING SERVICES, INC. V.  
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

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PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 4

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03 September 2017

Tribunal:

[Nicholas Phillips](#) (President)

[Horacio A. Grigera Naón](#) (Appointed by the investor)

[J. Christopher Thomas](#) (Appointed by the State)

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1. Following the Pre-Hearing Call, in Procedural Order No. 2, the Tribunal posed to the Parties certain questions to be addressed by the Parties before oral opening arguments at the Hearing on Expedited Objections.
2. In Procedural Order No. 3, the full Tribunal decided to hold a preliminary in-person session at the World Bank facilities in Washington, DC on Sunday, 3 September 2017, to hear the Parties' oral submissions on those questions, indicating that following those submissions the Tribunal would provide guidance to the Parties.
3. Having heard and considered the Parties' submissions at the preliminary session on 3 September 2017, the Tribunal has decided that the evidentiary rule in Article 10.20.4 (c) of the U.S.-Panama TPA has no application in the present proceeding, and the Tribunal will address the issues on the basis of the evidence.