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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR LEGAL PROTECTION (ICLP)**

Re Swiss Supreme Court judgment of 20 July 2017 - Russian Federation v. Yukos Capital S.à.r.l.

August 4, 2017. Today the Russian Federation received a judgment by the Swiss Supreme Court (dated 20 July 2017) on the Russian Federation's challenge of a Swiss-seated Arbitral Tribunal's Interim Award on jurisdiction, by which the Arbitral Tribunal addressed three out of five objections raised against its jurisdiction. The Swiss Supreme Court ruled that the challenge was premature.

The arbitral proceedings in question concern a claim for damages brought by a Luxembourg company controlled by the Yukos oligarchs (Yukos Capital) in relation to supposed "loans" made to Yukos Oil in Russia before Yukos Oil was declared bankrupt.

The Swiss Supreme Court's decision is not a surprise to the International Centre for Legal Protection (ICLP), which was formed by the Russian Federation to defend the Yukos case. Our submissions emphasized that the motion to set aside was likely premature because the Arbitral Tribunal had not yet ruled on all of the Russian Federation's objections against the Arbitral Tribunal's jurisdiction (it addressed three out of five of our objections), and we had stated that our motion was filed simply as a precautionary step so as not to forfeit any rights to challenge the Interim Award on jurisdiction at a later date. The Swiss Supreme Court explicitly states that the Russian Federation has preserved all of its arguments to challenge the Interim Award on jurisdiction and shares the Russian Federation's views on the premature character of the challenge.

The Russian Federation is looking forward to the resumption of the arbitral proceedings, in which it will show that the claims made by the oligarchs who are behind Yukos Capital are false and without merit. To date, all the awards relating to the Yukos oligarch claims have been set aside by national courts, including the mammoth US 50 billion award that was quashed by The Hague District Court in April 2016. The Russian Federation will continue to use all legal avenues to prevent the Yukos oligarchs from extracting further monies from the Russian taxpayer.