

MEDIATION RULES OF THE ARMO FOR STATE-TO-STATE DISPUTES: EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT AND PRACTICAL

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the proposed Asia-Pacific Regional Mediation Organization (hereinafter “ARMO”) is to promote mediation as a means of dispute resolution process for State-to-State or Economy-to-Economy disputes. As widely accepted in the Asian culture, it is believed that mediation is the best way to resolve such disputes. In this regard, the ARMO has proposed a set of effective, efficient and practical mediation rules, Draft “Rules of Procedure for Mediation Conducted Under the Asia-Pacific Regional Mediation Organization” (hereinafter “ARMO Rules of Procedure”). The ARMO Rules of Procedure are guided by the principle of maintaining friendly relationships as well as reaching a peaceful resolution of disputes between members of the ARMO. The main aim of these rules is to provide an alternative and not a competing forum of dispute resolution. This paper highlights the salient as well as the unique features of ARMO Rules of Procedure.

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