



How to Overcome The Obstacles to the Integration of Mediation with Arbitration in a Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Process

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## Mixed Mode Concepts

- Netherlands Model Bilateral Investment Agreement
- The Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- The CEPA Investment Treaty
- The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)
- The Agreement for the Termination of Bilateral Investment Treaties between the Member States of the EU Article 9



### **Multi Tiered Provisions**

# **Example: The Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement (CETA)**

- Section F –Resolution of Investment Disputes between Investors and States
  - Article 8.19 Consultations Required Step
  - Article 8.20 Mediation Voluntary Step
  - Article 8.23 Submission of Claim to the Tribunal

#### **How Intended to work**

- Use of mediation in conjunction with arbitration
- Holistic dispute resolution system (consultation, mediation, arbitration)

## **Obstacles to Effective Application**

- State barriers to mediation
- Historical development in ISDS towards arbitration
- System geared towards preparing for arbitration during cooling off periods



## **Institutional Developments**

- IBA Investor State Mediation Rules
- ICSID Mediation Rules
- ECT Mediation Guide and Model Instrument on Management of Investment Disputes
- Singapore Convention



## Integrating Processes – The Future

- Mediation as a tool for Foreign Direct Investment
- Process design considerations should include mediation with arbitration (sequential or concurrent)
- Med/Arb/Med considerations blending mediation with arbitration
- Continuing evolution of institutional frameworks

