Dear colleagues and friends of the Vis Moot,

As announced at the beginning of the Moot year, the 28th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot will again be organized as a remotely conducted event. Nearly 400 teams from all over the world have registered for this Second Virtual Vis Moot. The teams will meet for the oral hearings from 27 March to 1 April 2021.

The platform being used for the remote hearings will be provided by the IDRC – The International Dispute Resolution Centre (https://www.idrc.co.uk/). The IDRC with its headquarters in London, UK, is one of the leading hearing room providers having extensive experience with the organisation and support of remote hearings. The technology used for the remote hearings is based on Zoom. Although many of you will be already quite familiar with Zoom, it is essential to participate in a training session to get accustomed to the features and the specific set up of the virtual hearing room in advance. We will offer training sessions for teams and arbitrators and provide a manual and specific virtual hearing rules two weeks before the beginning of the oral hearings.

The Vis Moot will continue to run on Vienna time. To the extent possible we will give our best to match teams and schedule them for sessions that accommodate their own local times. Besides, we will try to schedule every team to moot only once per day. However, in some cases, in particular due to rescheduling reasons, it will happen that teams have more than one hearing per day or during times that might not always match their own time zone. We trust in the Moot spirit to overcome any inconvenience thereby caused and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

To the arbitrators specifically - please update your availabilities in your Moot account if necessary (all time slots are Vienna time). We count on you!

With kind regards,
The Vis Moot Directors

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