

THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

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II. CHALLENGES





Commercial arbitration

(international dispute between 2 legal persons – **private** nature) Gas Natural/Sonatrach







Investment Arbitration

(Legal/moral person/s versus <u>State</u>) HC Bank v. Italy



Hamburg Commercial Bank







Hybrid Character

Exceptional under Public International Law

State versus State

Individual/s versus State

Subject/Soggeto/Súbdito versus Sovereign entity?

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE - COMPENSATION



How was investment arbitration agreed?

Convention for the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and nationals = ICSID Convention

Signed on 1965: Decolonization

In force: Italy (since 28 April 1971) Spain (since 17 September 1994)



What are the implications of the ICSID Convention?

 A) States <u>give up</u> the right to exercise diplomatic protection
 (right of State + exhaustion local remedies)

B) **States allow** <u>direct claims</u> from investors (administration: ICSID Secretariat or other entities)



Article 27 of the ICSID Convention

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 Convention, unless such other Contracting State shall have failed to abide by and comply with the award rendered in such dispute.

2. Diplomatic protection, for the purposes of paragraph 1, shall not include informal diplomatic exchanges for the sole purpose of facilitating a settlement of the dispute.



Diplomatic Protection









Investment Arbitration



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Investment Arbitration

Opens International Litigation to investors

But...

What can Italy do if an Italian company is expropriated or receives an unfair treatment abroad?

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Diplomatic Protection

















International Litigation (was not a case of diplomatic protection)















Invesment Arbitration

What can investors do?

Bring an <u>international claim</u> before an international tribunal (<u>ad hoc arbitral panel</u>)



Investment Arbitration

Arbitral panel – 3 different arbitrators (ICSID administration)

Case No.	Claimant(s)	Respondent(s)	Status
ARB/20/3	Hamburg Commercial Bank AG	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/18/20	Veolia Propreté SAS	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/17/14	Rockhopper Italia S.p.A., Rockhopper Mediterranean Ltd, and Rockhopper Exploration Plc	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/16/39	VC Holding II S.a.r.I. and others	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/16/5	ESPF Beteiligungs GmbH, ESPF Nr. 2 Austria Beteiligungs GmbH, and InfraClass Energie 5 GmbH & Co. KG	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/15/50	Eskosol S.p.A. in liquidazione	Italian Republic	Pending
ARB/15/40	Belenergia S.A.	Italian Republic	Concluded
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HOW CAN AN INVESTMENT TRIBUNAL BE CONSTITUTED?

AD HOC NATURE

NOT PERMANENT



Arbitral tribunal

3 arbitrators

Investor (claimant): appoints 1 arbitrator

State (respondent): appoints 1 arbitrator

President of the tribunal: appointed by the latter or by an appointing authority





CSID International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes WORLD BANK GROUP











THE CAIRO REGIONAL CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION مركـز القـاهـرة الإقلـيمـيو للتـحكـيم التجـاري الدولـيو





Article 8.5 of the Italy - Argentina BIT

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Italy (11 arbitrations) 9 ICSID 2 SCC

Spain (52 arbitrations) 38 ICSID 14 non-ICSID (SCC + PCA)



31 December 2019

1.023 investment arbitrations

763 ICSID arbitrations (74,58 %)

260 non-ICSID arbitrations (25,42 %)



Quiz







Which are the benefits of investment arbitration for foreign investors?





Pausa / Domande



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Invesment Arbitration **Foreign investors AVOID domestic courts** Time-consuming; (im)partiality; ...





Investment Arbitration

<u>**How</u>** can HC Bank bring an international claim against Italy?</u>



Hamburg Commercial Bank





Step 1: Host State accepts investment arbitration (gives consent)





Step 2: Parties to the ICSID Convention







What happens if the States are NOT parties to the ICSID Convention?







Invesment Arbitration

"Ad hoc" nature = Can be administered OUTSIDE the ICSID framework





Step 1: CONSENT (most important)

Step 2: party to the ICSID Convention



How can a State **consent** to international (ICSID or non-ICSID) arbitration?



1) **Domestic legislation**:

Article 22 of the Investment Law of Venezuela



2) Investment Contract

Development of a project (infrastructure)

State - investor



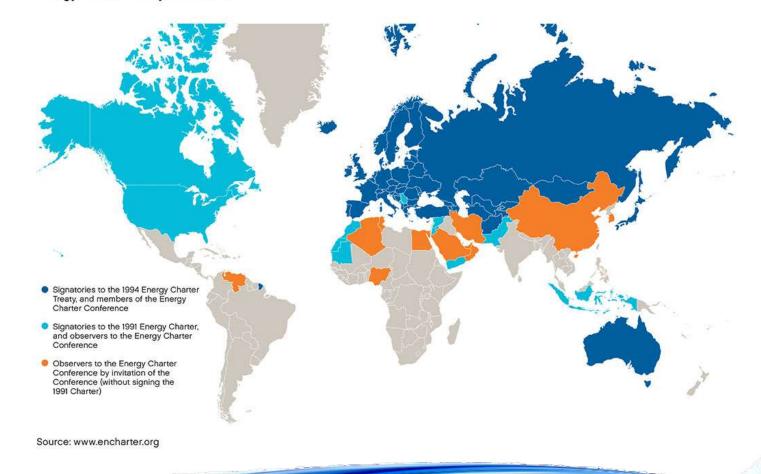
3) Multilateral Investment Treaty

Article 26.3.a) of the Energy Charter Treaty

"Subject only to subparagraphs (b) and (c), <u>each</u> <u>Contracting Party</u> hereby gives its <u>unconditional</u> <u>consent</u> to the submission of a dispute to international arbitration or conciliation in accordance with the provisions of this Article"



Energy Charter Treaty Ratification





Nothing special, just another international treaty... UNTIL

Promotion of renewable energies and 2008 economic crisis





Italy

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International economic and investment MULTILATERAL agreements concluded by the European Union + 27 Member States + third parties











4) Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)

Article 8.2 Italy - Argentina BIT: "A tale effetto e da i sensi del presente Accordo, <u>ciascuna Parte</u> <u>Contraente</u> conferisce fin d'ora <u>consenso</u> <u>anticipato ed irrevocabile</u> affinchè qualsiasi controversia possa essere sottoposta all'arbitrato".



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BIT 2020 data

2.901 BIT signed

2.341 BIT in force



BIT 2020 data

Germany: 155 BIT China: 145 BIT United Kingdom: 110 BIT The Netherlands: 107 BIT Italy: 102 BIT Spain: 87 BIT Cuba: 60 BIT United States of America: 47 BIT Ireland: 1 BIT



Which is the favourite route to consent to international arbitration?

ICSID or non-ICSID arbitration?



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What makes ICSID arbitration the most common way of investment arbitration?



ICSID awards are **international decisions** according to Article 54.1 of the ICSID Convention

Article 54

(1) Each Contracting State shall recognize an <u>award</u> rendered pursuant to this Convention as <u>binding</u> and enforce the pecuniary obligations imposed by that award within its territories as if it were a final <u>judgment of a court in that State</u>. A Contracting State with a federal constitution may enforce such an award in or through its federal courts and may provide that such courts shall treat the award as if it were a final judgment of the courts of a constituent state.



Non-ICSID awards are **foreign decisions** and must be enforced according to the New York Convention (1958):

Article V(2)(b)

2. Recognition and enforcement of an arbitral award may also be refused if the competent authority in the country where recognition and enforcement is sought finds that:

(a) The subject matter of the difference is not capable of settlement by arbitration under the law of that country; or

(b) The recognition or enforcement of the award would be contrary to the public policy of that country.





ICSID award: international decision (fundamental principle of good faith)

Non-ICSID award: foreign decision (enforcement in the domestic courts)

States can fight back in both cases...



Some States have withdrawn from the ICSID Convention to "avoid" investment arbitration









Quiz







Can an Italian investor initiate an arbitration against Bolivia, Ecuador and/or Venezuela?



How can States fully avoid or "escape" from investment arbitration?



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Italy Withdraws from Energy Charter Treaty

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Italy is reported to have given formal notice to withdraw from the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT).

Rumours of Italy's intention to leave the ECT had been circulating since last autumn. IAReporter now revealed that Italy has delivered its official notice of withdrawal in January 2015.

According to the journal, Italy's decision to withdraw, is to save on costs associated with its membership. This is certainly an unusual justification for a developed country's withdrawal from a multilateral investment protection treaty.

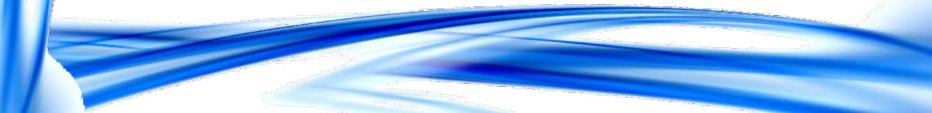
Pursuant to article 47 of the ECT, Italy's withdrawal will take effect upon the expiry of one year after the date of notification, thus in January 2016. However, the provisions of the Treaty will continue to apply to investments made in Italy before such date for a period of further 20 years.

As a consequence:

- With respect to past energy investments, investors can continue to bring their claims against Italy until January 2036. In particular, Italy's withdrawal from the ECT does not prevent PV investors from bringing a claim for last year's feed-in tariff cuts.
- With respect to future energy investments, investors should (i) either ensure the investment is made before January 2016 or (ii) consider to structure the investment so as to obtain protection under a suitable bi-lateral investment treaty (BIT).









1) Is there a way to promote coherence in investment arbitration?

2) Is there a way to promote transparency in investment arbitration?

3) How to deal with parallel proceedings?

4) Applicable Law to investment arbitration (role of human rights and EU law)





Is there a way to promote coherence in investment arbitration?

Investment arbitration = *ad hoc* system

1 ad hoc tribunal per case (different arbitrators)

1.023 cases

2.341 BIT in force potentially to be interpreted



Occidental Petroleum Corporation

BIT Ecuador - United States of America Broad wording of the clause = breach of the obligation

SAME FACTS



BIT Ecuador - Canada

Narrow wording of the clause = NO breach of the obligation



UNCITRAL

States agree on the need to promote coherence, BUT they do not agree on the mechanisms to be implemented







Solution 1:

- Create an *ad hoc* appeal system

- Give more weight to the opinion of the affected States by an arbitration (interpretation of the BIT)



Solution 2:

Create a Multilateral Investment Court and a permanent appeal system

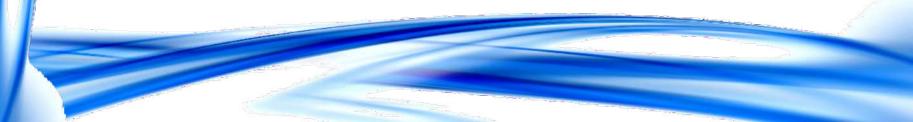




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ANY PROBLEMS?















Transparency in investment arbitration

What happens in that room?

Confidentiality





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Transparency in investment arbitration

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PV Investors v. Spain





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PV Investors v. Spain

Claimants (international group of hedge funds) requested EUR 1.900.000.000 compensation





Transparency in investment arbitration

Spanish Budget 2019

Ministry of Justice (annually): EUR 1.838.000.000

Claimants (hedge funds) requested EUR 1.900.000.000





Transparency in investment arbitration

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PV Investors v. Spain (2020)

Ad hoc tribunal only granted EUR 91.100.000 (4,8%)







Transparency in investment arbitration

There is a need to know what happens in the room

Public interest





Transparency in investment arbitration

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Parallel proceedings

Lauder v. Czech Republic USA - Czech BIT 3-9-2001 (London) Damages to the investor (moral person)

CME v. Czech Republic Netherlands - Czech BIT 13-9-2001 (Stockholm) Damages to the investor (legal person)





Parallel proceedings

Lauder v. Czech Republic USA - Czech BIT 3-9-2001 (London) In favour of the State

CME v. Czech Republic Netherlands - Czech BIT 13-9-2001 (Stockholm) US\$ 269.814.000 to the investor





Parallel proceedings

Risks for the host State

- Double recovery
- Uncertainty
- Inconsistency

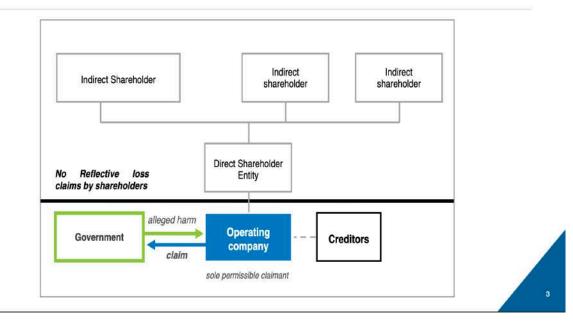




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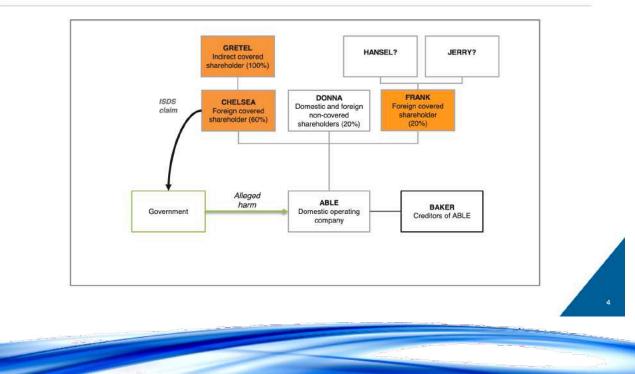




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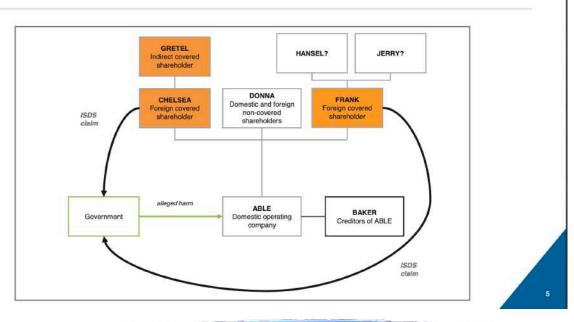




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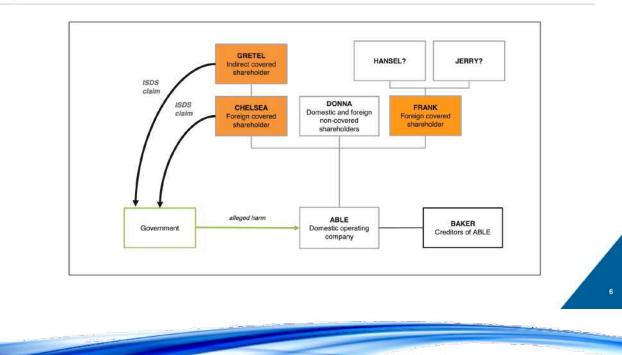




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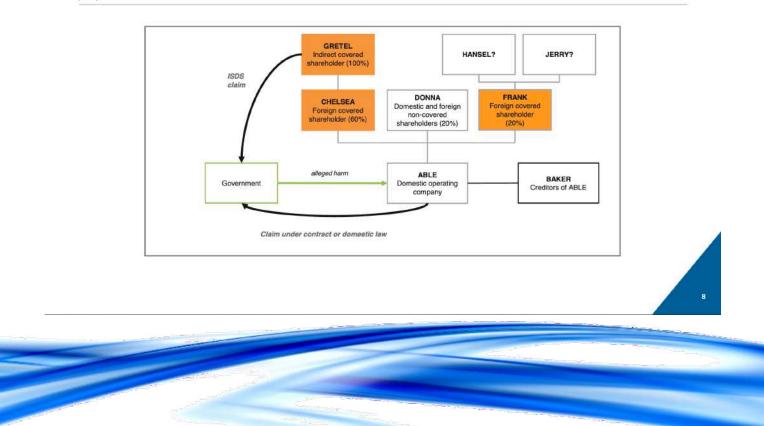




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ISDS: Potential Claims 2

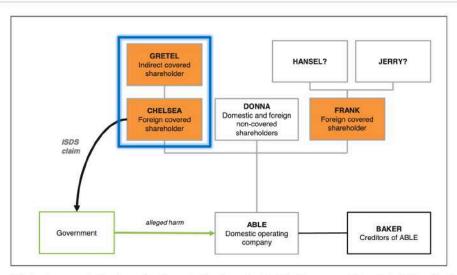




Parallel proceedings



ISDS Reflective Loss Claim: Who is Protected?*



* Note: This slide and the next slide have been corrected from the versions discussed at the side meeting. Frank's treaty coverage, which was inadvertently omitted, has been restored. Frank is not protected by the claim by Chelsea. It may bring its own ISDS claim if its individual loss is significant; this would generate multiple claims for the government and high costs while still leaving investors unprotected. Only a company claim protects all investors. On the categories of excluded and potential claimants for reflective loss in ISDS and claim incentives, see Gaukrodger (2013b), pp. 47-48, http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/54309444mt0v-en.

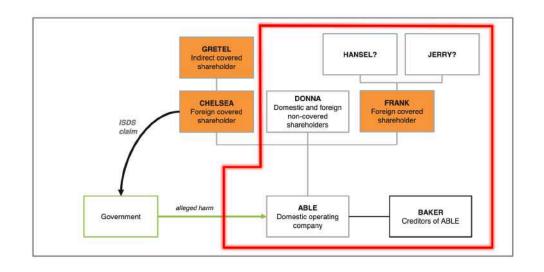




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ISDS Reflective Loss Claim: Who is not Protected?

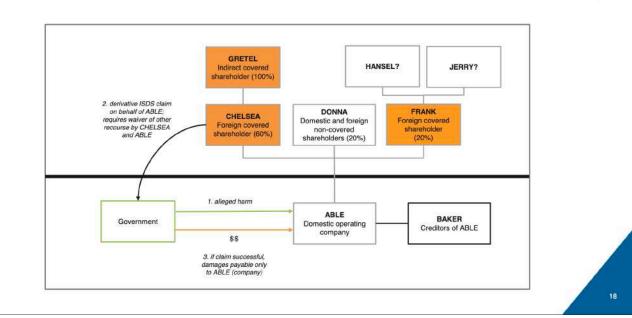




Parallel proceedings: solution?



ISDS: NAFTA-style Derivative Claim







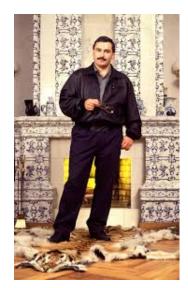
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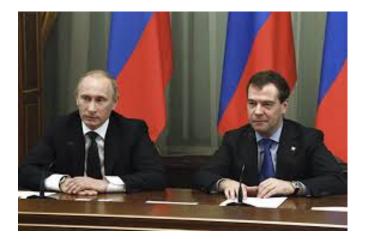


To Mikhall Khodorkovsky With best wishes, Jon The Laura Jan



Parallel proceedings







Parallel proceedings









Expropriation













a) Investment arbitrations presented by *Yukos'* majority shareholders:

- Hulley Enterprises Limited (Cyprus) v. Russia
- Yukos Universal Limited (Isle of Man) v. Russia
- Veteran Petroleum Limited (Cyprus) v. Russia





b) Investment arbitrations presented by *Yukos'* minority shareholders:

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a) Human rights protection cases before the ECtHR (right to liberty; due process; and protection to property):









Case	Compensation	
ECtHR (Khodorkovskiy)	EUR 10.000	
ECtHR (Yukos)	EUR 8.100.000.000	
PCA (Hulley, Yukos y Veteran)	US\$ 50.000.000.000	
SCC (Orgor SICAV)	US\$ 943.840	
SCC (<i>GBI</i> SICAV)	US\$ 499.680	
SCC (<i>ALOS 34</i> S.L.)	US\$ 277.600	
SCC (Quasar SICAV)	US\$ 305.360	
SCC (RosInvest-Elliot)	US\$ 3.500.000	







Applicable Law to investment arbitration

BIT

Can any other rules of public international law be applicable in investment arbitration?

If so, which role could EU and human rights law play?





Human rights and investment arbitration

Protection of environment

Protection of Indegenous people





Human rights and investment arbitration

Chevron v. Ecuador

Investment arbitration (2011): US\$ 96.355.369 Ecuador's Supreme Court (2013): US\$ 9.510.776.000





Human rights and investment arbitration

Perenco v. Ecuador

US\$ 471.000.000 compensation as a result of a breach of the BIT, but *also* awarded US\$ 54.000.000 to Ecuador as an environmental compensation







Human rights and investment arbitration

Protection of public health

Tobacco packaging





Human rights and investment arbitration

Philip Morris v. Australia Philip Morris v. Uruguay









EU law and investment arbitration

Promotion of renewable energies









S RENOVABLES

Energia Solar Fotovoltaica

Por que..

La RENTABILIDAD de su inversión es razonable, pudiendo superar en ocasiones el 9 %, considerando un plazo de 25 años.

Con el apoyo bancario existe una FINANCIACIÓN SUSTANCIAL de la inversión (80%).

• Cuando decida realizar este tipo de instalaciones,

ENER

USTED ESTÁ CONTRIBUYENDO AL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE DE SU COMUNIDAD, YA QUE ESTÁ EVITANDO LA EMISIÓN DE CO₂ A LA ATMÓSFERA

Madrid, 22 de febrero de 2006

A DAE HILL







Spain

1) 2007 GDP +3.7%, but in 2009 GDP -3.6%.

2) Unemployment grew from 8% in 2007 to 25% in 2012.

3) Electric tariff deficit rose from EUR 2.000.000.000 in 2005 to EUR 28.500.000.000 at the end of 2013.







Spain took measures

1) Reduced the incentives to renewable energies (affecting foreign and national investors).

2) Electricity prices rose (affecting citizens).



ABC



Spanish "renewable saga"

47 cases against Spain so far

18 finished – 29 pending

14 in favour of the investor

4 in favour of the State



Spanish "renewable saga"

Amount claimed in 18 cases EUR 3.865.481.300

Amount granted in 14 cases (4 cases in favour of the State) EUR 1.089.040.000



European Commission State-aid regime





If the State honours and pays the award (good faith) = payment is contrary to State-aid regime = Spain (or any other Member State in the same situation) must return the State-aid to the European Union





Spanish "renewable saga"

EUR 1.089.040.000 x 2!!!



















Spanish/European "renewable saga"

Need to regulate thinking in the long-term

States usually regulate thinking in the short-term (elections)



Grazie mille!

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