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The tribunal found that the common intent of the parties to exclude contractual disputes from ICSID jurisdiction in the Italy-Jordan Bilateral Investment Treaty was clear. It also found that there was no intention to make the Most Favored Nation clause in that Italy-Jordan BIT apply to dispute settlement.

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Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission: Partial Award, Civilian Claims- Eritrea's Claims 15, 16, 23 & 27-32; Ethiopia's Claim 5 The Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission found Ethiopia liable for several violations of international law involving acts or omissions by its civilian officials, military personnel and others, including the wrongful deprivation of Ethiopian nationality, the unlawful detention of Eritrean civilians and abuse of detainees. The Commission also found Eritrea liable for several violations of international law, including the failure to ensure that Ethiopians were able to obtain medical treatment to the same extent as Eritrean nationals in accordance with Article 38 of Geneva Convention IV, unlawful detention, concealment of some detainees from the ICRC and abuse of Ethiopian detainees.

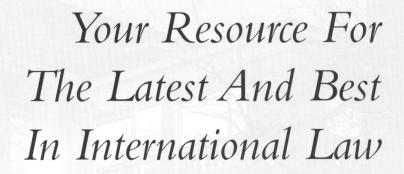
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International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID): Plama Consortium Limited v. The Republic of Bulgaria, Decision on Jurisdiction (February 8, 2005),

Introductory Note by August Reinisch

The tribunal held that the denial of benefits clause in the Energy Charter Treaty cannot have "retrospective effect." It also found that the Most Favored Nation clause in the Bilateral Investment treaty did not encompass dispute settlement, noting that "Contracting States cannot be presumed to have agreed that [dispute settlement] provisions can be enlarged by incorporating dispute resolution provisions from other treaties negotiated in an entirely different context."

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