

Mediate First Pledge

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The Trade Organisation/Association signing the 'Mediate First' Pledge will encourage its Members to first explore the use of mediation to resolve disputes that arise in business and commerce, before pursuing other Alternative Dispute Resolution ('ADR') processes or litigation before the courts.

The Pledge

We recognise that for many disputes, mediation can offer us, our Members and other parties a less expensive and more effective method of resolution than litigation before the courts. Bearing this in mind, we subscribe to the following statement of principle on behalf of our Organisation/Association:

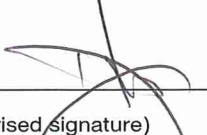
Should a dispute arise between our Organisation/Association with a person or business, we are prepared to explore the use of mediation to resolve the dispute before pursuing other ADR processes or litigation before the courts.

Furthermore, our Organisation/Association shall promote mediation to our Members and shall encourage our Members to explore the use of mediation to resolve the dispute arising between any of our Members with a person or business before pursuing other ADR processes or litigation before the courts.

If either party considers that a dispute is not suitable for mediation, or if mediation is adopted, but does not produce results satisfactory to the parties, either party may end the mediation and proceed with other ADR processes or litigation.

We further agree that our Organisation/Association may be placed on a public list of Organisations/Associations supporting the use of mediation to resolve disputes.

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