

CC/Devas (Mauritius) Ltd. c. Republic of India: enforcement of commercial arbitration awards against foreign States possible in Canada

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Read the decision: [CC/Devas \(Mauritius\) Ltd. c. Republic of India, 2022 QCCS 4785](#)

In December 2022, the Superior Court of Québec issued its first-ever decision on sovereign immunity from suit, clarifying Canadian law on the enforcement of arbitral awards against foreign States in Québec and in Canada. BLG was victorious in having an application from the Republic of India (ROI) rejected by the Court, after the ROI had sought to avoid the recognition and enforcement in Québec of arbitral awards exceeding US\$111 million rendered against it in favour of Devas Multimedia investors.

Key takeaway

Even though foreign States often invoke the protection of the Canadian State Immunity Act (SIA) to resist enforcement, this judgment establishes that the SIA is not an absolute barrier to the enforcement of arbitral awards against foreign States.

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