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### Provisions on Dispute Resolution

The Law no. 16/2024, of September 3rd, which amends the Electricity Law, introduces an important novelty regarding dispute resolution:

- **Previous Regime** - The Electricity Law required that disputes between authorization holders, these and their consumers, or even between the State and concession holders, were resolved in Maputo, Mozambique, under the rules of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce - CCI or United Nations Commission on International Trade Law - UNCITRAL, also imposing Portuguese as the only language to be used in the process.
- **What changes?** - With the amendment of number 4 of article 51 of the Law, it is now allowed, by mere agreement between the parties, the choice of arbitration forum (not limited to Maputo) and the choice of language or languages other than Portuguese, provided that the respective translation into Portuguese is simultaneously guaranteed. This change makes dispute resolution more flexible and equitable, more effectively protecting the interests of all parties involved, particularly of the foreign party.



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