

CORRESPONDING RULING FOR ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR STANDING

21. WORLD SIKH ORGANIZATION OF CANADA (WSO)

a. Request by Applicant:

WSO sought:

- Standing to make opening submissions on all aspects of the Terms of Reference;
- The right to apply for leave to examine witnesses on the protocols and rules in place for Canadian officials engaged in the investigations of the bombing of Air India Flight 182;
- The right to apply for leave to make submissions on the scope of the Inquiry's mandate or other procedural matters; and
- The right to make closing submissions.

b. Disposition:

Intervenor status is granted on the following basis:

The participation of WSO is limited, in the first instance, to written submissions on matters that affect the reputational interests of the Sikh community.

RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL INTERVENORS

The following rules apply to all intervenors who wish to apply for leave to assume a broader role beyond the filing of written submissions:

1. Following the filing of their written submissions, intervenors may apply for leave to make a 10-minute opening statement.
2. Any intervenor wishing to propose a witness to be called by Commission Counsel may make submissions in writing, with reference to Rules of Procedure and Practice 44 and 49, outlining the nature and importance of the anticipated evidence to be given by such witness.
3. Any intervenor wishing to participate in a manner beyond that envisioned in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, may apply in writing for leave, outlining the nature of the proposed additional participation and attaching submissions as to the unique and valuable contribution to the accomplishment of the mandate of the Commission that would result from such additional participation.
4. All written submissions and applications are to be submitted in hard copy to Commission Counsel at the address of the Commission, with a copy to the Registrar.