**Decision Tree for Prolongation of Arbitration Time Frame**

| **Step** | **Question** | **Code** | **Answer** | **Sub-Code** | **Action** |
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| 1 | Is the arbitration proceeding within the initial time frame specified in the arbitration agreement or institutional rules? | T1 | Yes | T1.1 | Continue arbitration as planned. |
|  |  |  | No | T1.2 | Proceed to Step 2. |
| 2 | Has any party requested an extension of the time frame? | T2 | No | T2.1 | No extension needed; continue arbitration as per the original time frame. |
|  |  |  | Yes | T2.2 | Proceed to Step 3. |
| 3 | Is the request for extension due to delays caused by the parties (e.g., late submissions, failure to cooperate)? | T3 | Yes | T3.1 | Proceed to Step 4. |
|  |  |  | No | T3.2 | Proceed to Step 5. |
| 4 | Is the delay caused by the parties justifiable (e.g., complexity of the case, large number of witnesses, extensive evidence)? | T4 | Yes | T4.1 | Proceed to Step 6. |
|  |  |  | No | T4.2 | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| 5 | Is the delay due to external factors (e.g., force majeure, legal issues, unavailability of key witnesses or experts)? | T5 | Yes | T5.1 | Proceed to Step 6. |
|  |  |  | No | T5.2 | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| 6 | Does the tribunal consider the extension request reasonable based on the circumstances? | T6 | Yes | T6.1 | Grant the extension and adjust the time frame accordingly. |
|  |  |  | No | T6.2 | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| 7 | Does the extension significantly impact the arbitration procedure or create new deadlines? | T7 | Yes | T7.1 | Review and modify the procedure as needed; issue new deadlines. |
|  |  |  | No | T7.2 | Proceed with arbitration under the extended time frame. |
| 8 | Are the new deadlines being met under the extended time frame? | T8 | Yes | T8.1 | Continue with arbitration as planned. |
|  |  |  | No | T8.2 | Consider further time extension or other procedural remedies. |

**Summary of Outcomes**

| **Step** | **Outcome** |
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| **T1.1** | Continue arbitration as planned. |
| **T1.2** | Proceed to evaluate the need for an extension. |
| **T2.1** | No extension needed; continue arbitration as per the original time frame. |
| **T2.2** | Proceed to assess the reason for the extension request. |
| **T3.1** | Proceed to evaluate delays caused by the parties. |
| **T3.2** | Proceed to evaluate external causes of delay. |
| **T4.1** | Proceed to decide on granting an extension. |
| **T4.2** | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| **T5.1** | Proceed to decide on granting an extension. |
| **T5.2** | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| **T6.1** | Grant the extension and adjust the time frame accordingly. |
| **T6.2** | Deny the extension request; proceed with arbitration as per the original schedule. |
| **T7.1** | Review and modify the procedure as needed; issue new deadlines. |
| **T7.2** | Proceed with arbitration under the extended time frame. |
| **T8.1** | Continue with arbitration as planned. |
| **T8.2** | Consider further time extension or other procedural remedies. |

**Key Features of the Redesigned Decision Tree**

1. **Step-by-Step Flow:** Each question leads to a clear action or next step.
2. **Action-Oriented:** Each decision point leads to a specific action (e.g., grant extension, deny extension, modify deadlines).
3. **Delay Classification:** Delays are classified into **party-caused** and **external factors**, ensuring a fair evaluation.
4. **Contractual Compliance:** Ensures remedies and extensions align with the arbitration agreement or institutional rules.
5. **Endpoints:** Clear endpoints are defined where the process concludes (e.g., arbitration proceeds, extension granted).