



**10th Annual Tangier Model United Nations**

**International Court of Justice Chair Packet**

**Allegations of Genocide:**

**(South Africa V. State of Israel: Application of the  
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of  
the Crime of Genocide)**

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## Welcoming

It is our honor to welcome you to the Tangier Model United Nations International Court of Justice (ICJ). This chair packet has been carefully prepared to assist you in understanding the procedures of the ICJ and visualize how this committee will operate. This packet includes essential guidelines on procedure, conduct, responsibilities, and resources to help you with the detailed framework of the court. It is expected that all delegates and ambassadors attend the committee sessions with a thorough comprehension of the case and rules of procedure to ensure a fruitful and respectful debate.

Important note to delegates: To allow a smooth committee experience, all delegates are required to carefully read the full packet. Feel free to contact either the President or Vice-President of the court if you have any questions.

Please keep in mind that this debate is a simulation of issues that South Africa is charging Israel with. While participants are encouraged to use evidence and relevant materials, they are strictly prohibited from referencing any commentary, statements, or reports issued by the United Nations regarding the actual case. All arguments should be constructed within the framework of the simulation, without drawing directly from UN documentation or commentary on the real-life situation. Furthermore, let it be known

that **this is just a simulation and that beliefs and morals should be set aside**. You must stay true to the alignment of your country and its political stance.

## Letter from the President and Vice-President

Dear Delegates,

The Presidency of the Court, Ismael Bouaddi (Deputy Secretary-General and President of the ICJ) along with Zineb Khadri (Vice President of the ICJ), is proud to invite you to the 10th TMUN International Court of Justice. The Presidency, along with the rest of this year's TMUN Executive Secretariat, emphasizes the importance of reading this document in full to ensure a thorough understanding of the case, a smooth flow of debate, and, most importantly, a quality committee experience.

The ICJ is a unique and competitive committee of great importance to our TMUN conference. The Court wholeheartedly aims to ensure that this year's delegates and members engage in a fruitful and memorable debate, contributing meaningfully to resolving some of the most pressing issues facing our world.

Best regards,

Ismael Bouaddi - *President*

Zineb Khadri - *Vice President*

## Overview

In this year's International Court of Justice, the topic of discussion is the following: "South Africa V. State of Israel regarding violations in accordance with the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide". Specific to this case, the plaintiff is "*Republic of South Africa*" and the defendant being the "*State of Israel*".

Please note that this debate is a simulation of the issues South Africa is charging Israel with. While participants are encouraged to use evidence and relevant materials, they are **strictly prohibited from referencing any commentary, statements, or reports issued by the United Nations specifically related to the actual case**. All arguments should be constructed within the framework of the simulation, without

drawing directly from UN documentation or commentary on the real-life situation. Keep in mind that all evidence is admissible **up until November 1st 2024**.

## Functionality

### What is ICJ:

Since its establishment in 1945, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has functioned as the primary judicial entity of the United Nations. Tasked with resolving interstate legal conflicts and providing legal advisory opinions, the ICJ operates in alignment with international law, serving the global community's needs.

### This Year's ICJ Operations and Protocols:

In honor of this year being the 10th anniversary of ICJ, we aim to make this year memorable and stand out from the rest. This year's court will consist of five core members: The president of the ICJ (Ismael Bouaddi); Vice-President (Zineb Khadri); 2 chief judges (Layla Chaouni and Rita Bennani) along with 6 judges (Falak Ghalib, Ghita Berrada, Adam Menebhi, Zakaria El Kachtoul, Sabrine Bouhou, Nour El Sawy). Additionally, delegates of the committee will each be representing a different country, assigned to defend their national interests while supporting one of the two representative nations in the case, the plaintiff (South Africa) and the defendant (Israel).

The delegates will divide into two opposing sides, forming two advocacy teams (one for each party). Each team aims to present their case and persuade the panel of judges to rule in their favor. Throughout the proceedings, advocates must present their strongest arguments, question witnesses effectively, and provide substantial evidence.

The final verdict will be delivered at the closing ceremony by the President, Vice-President, and Chief Judges. The main representative of the winning party ("The Republic of South Africa" or "The State of Israel") will receive an award, along with the committee's best delegate and best chief judge.

For this year's ICJ, each delegate is required to submit an individual evidence packet containing **AT LEAST 10** pieces of evidence. This is to ensure that all debaters have enough information and understanding of the topic. Delegates must also provide an opening statement that aligns with the stance of either the plaintiff or the defendant. Only head delegates (for South Africa and Israel) are required to

give a closing statement. During the closing ceremony, the representative delegate must also be prepared to answer questions from any delegate or ambassador.

## Objections, Points and Motions

Objections, Motions and Points are used to draw attention to any mistakes that may have occurred, request actions outside of the usual procedure, or pose questions that participants may have. Any delegate can make these.

### Objections:

- **Hearsay:** when, during the interrogation of the witness, the witness does not work as a primary source but as a secondary one.
- **Leading Question:** when the advocate asks questions that can be answered with a simple “yes” or “no”, or when the question is phrased in a way that doesn't allow the witness to express their opinion.
- **Speculation:** when the witness or an advocate tries to predict a certain an outcome that cannot be confirmed.
- **Prejudicial:** when a question hurts the integrity of the panel or the witness.
- **Competence:** when a question requires knowledge that the witness cannot possibly possess (ex. a question with technical details).
- **Badgering:** when a question intimidates the witness.
- **Relevance:** When a statement or claim has no connection or correlation to the topic being discussed.
- **Authenticity:** ex: When there is uncertainty about whether the evidence presented is complete.
- **Reliability:** When the evidence comes from an unknown author relevance, or is not relevant to the case.

### Points:

- **Point of Personal Privilege:** A request to the Chairs to change something making you uncomfortable (ex. temperature, technical issues, or inability to hear the speaker...). This is the only point that may interrupt a speaker.
- **Point of Parliamentary Inquiry:** A request for guidance from the Chair in order to take the appropriate action.
- **Point of Inquiry:** A question directed to the Chairs regarding MUN procedure.
- **Point of Clarification:** A point normally made by the Chairs, to clarify a fact or detail.

## Motions:

- **Motion to extend:** Made only by the Judges to extend a session
- **Motion to approach panel:** When a delegate wants to speak or show something to the panel privately.
- **Motion to Recess:** A request to temporarily suspend the current committee session.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** A request to formally end the conference.
- **Right of Reply:** A formal request to speak after another delegate has offended you or your delegation. This must be submitted in writing to the Chairs.

## Rules and procedure

### Functioning of the court:

- **Members:** The committee consists of two head delegates (the plaintiff and the defendant), in addition to eight permanent judges. The President of the committee serves as the Presiding Judge of the ICJ, while the co-chair of the Committee assumes the role of the Vice-President of the Court. During the session, the Chairperson shall be addressed as “President” or “Presiding Judge” and the Co-Chair as “Vice President”.
- **Absences:** If a delegate is not present during roll call, they will be considered absent until a note is sent to the dais staff. If a delegate is recognized but is not present when called upon, they must yield their time to the Chair and debate shall continue unabated.

### Documents:

- **Team Evidence packet:** A combination of all individual evidence packets and evidence-based arguments that support the respective side. This document will be used during the **presentation of the Evidence** stage. **Note:** The submission of this document is typically the responsibility of the team’s head delegate and advocates.
- **Individual Evidence packet:** This document must contain **at least 10 arguments**, each supported by evidence relevant to the respective side. **Delegates who fail to submit at least 10 arguments will not be permitted to participate in the debate.**
- **Witness List:** A list of countries proposed to be called up to the stand for questioning. Each advocacy team **MUST** prepare a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 questions for their witnesses.

### Procedure:

- **Oath:** After the President opens the session, Judges and Advocates will take the Oath. Each judge shall individually make the following solemn declaration: *“I, Judge (Surname), solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a Judge honourably, faithfully, impartially, and conscientiously.”*

Advocates shall declare: *“I solemnly declare upon my honour and conscience that I will speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth”*. Before the testimony of the Witnesses, the President will take the Oath of the Witnesses. The Oath for the witnesses is the same that of the Advocates.

- **Opening statements:** Statements given by all the delegates at the beginning of the first session, where they make their case by presenting their position, arguments and objectives for the case
- **Presentation of Evidence:** A stage in which the whole committee will review the team evidence packet of one another. During this stage delegates may point out any concerns about the evidence that is presented along with making objections upon their arguments, in order to make sure all evidence presented is reliable and relevant.
- **Testimony of Witnesses:** After witnesses are called upon, they are asked questions by the judges or delegates, and they must answer respectively and truthfully. Their answers are considered their testimony. These testimonies are then examined as part of the evidence to support or challenge the arguments made.
- **Rebuttals and questions:** Delegates have the right to ask and respond to one another using appropriate motions and points aiming to highlight contradiction or weaknesses in the opposing arguments
- **Closing Statements:** Statements given by Head delegates during the closing ceremony. It is considered a last opportunity for the head delegates to summarize their positions and reinforce their key points before the committee proceeds to deliberation.

## AI and Plagiarism Disclaimer

The entire Secretariat of Tangier Model United Nations is devoted towards a substantial debate and honesty to the conference. Plagiarism is a serious offense to this honesty and to the conference as a whole. Any delegate who are caught plagiarizing before or during the conference will be disqualified from the delegate awards. Any document containing a plagiarized section will be removed. The Secretariat reserves all rights to disqualify a delegate from the awards.

All submissions, whether individual evidence packets, witness lists, or witness questioning lists shall be the product of independent thought and effort. To that end, we require all documents to

score 30% or below on the AI checker. **Please note that anything more than 30% will not be tolerated and may lead to the removal of the delegate from the debate.** We would, therefore, like to encourage all delegates to engage in meaningful research and collaboration toward making the TMUN respectful and productive. Doing so we will all aid in the removal of any unfair advantages so that the debate is fair and productive.

Thank you for your cooperation, and welcome to the International Court of Justice.

## Samples

**Example for Team evidence Packet:**

[TEAM Evidence Packet](#)

**Example for Delegate Opening Statement:**

[Delegate Opening Statement](#)

**Example for Individual Delegate Evidence Packet:**

[INDIVIDUAL evidence packet example](#)

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