



## **Tangier Model United Nations**

### **International Court of Justice Chair Packet**

#### **Allegations of Genocide under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide( Ukraine v. Russia)**

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Welcome to the Tangier Model United Nations' international Court of Justice(ICJ). This chair packet was made and is intended in order to assist you in understanding all the procedures of the court and how it will operate. All details required have been included in this chair packet. Delegates are required to read the packet in its entirety in order to ensure a smooth and efficient committee procedure. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the President or Vice-President of the Court(The contacts can be found at the end of the chair packet).

## **Letter from the President and Vice-President:**

Dear Delegates,

We the presidency; ***Ilyas Idderhem (Executive Advisor, Deputy the Secretary General, and President of the International Court of Justice)*** and ***Youssef Salha (Under Secretary for Technological Services and Vice President of the International Court of Justice)***, are very honored and pleased to invite you to the 9th annual TMUN and International Court of Justice Committee. **The TMUN Executive Secretariat strongly recommends that all delegates who are members of this committee read all the contents of this chair packet as the ICJ is a unique committee and one of the most competitive and important committees at our conference.** We hope that all delegates and members of the court will have a memorable experience as well as participating in fruitful and engaging debate in order to address the issues that currently plague our world.

## Overview

This year's topic will be centered around the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. With 32 intervening countries, the Russia-Ukraine war has affected all parties whether in the west or east. It is a drastic part of current eastern politics. The constant problematic concerns and rising tensions between Russia and Ukraine has been a political paradox that has not been solved to this day. The violation of the Minsk agreements, the annexation of Crimea, the accusations of violations of human rights, and the claims of Genocide in the region will all be part of this year's committee. Delegates are heavily encouraged to work together in their respective parties in order to collect evidence, provide justifications, and prove allegations in order to determine a verdict that will result in the guilty or not-guilty verdict of the defendant party.

- **For any questions concerning the topic or what either party should prepare please contact the president or vice-president using the information at the bottom of the chair packet.**

## Functionality

-What is The International Court of Justice?

Established in 1945, the International Court of Justice is the Judicial Organ of the United Nations. Cooperating with International Law, its duty and responsibility is to settle legal disputes and to give advisory opinions on legal concerns.

- How will this year's ICJ Work?

This year's ICJ will be very unique. The Court will be composed of its usual 5 members, the President of the International Court of Justice(Ilyas Idderhem), Vice President(Youssef Salha), and 3 judges(Safae Hosni, Zaynab Yamallahi, Al Ghalia El Boukili). This year's ICJ will be composed of 32 delegates each representing different countries and protecting their own interests as well as providing support for the 2 representative countries, the plaintiff and defendant, The Russian Federation and Ukraine. The delegates will split into two opposing parties. **There will be 2 advocate teams, one representing each opposing party. The goal for each advocate team is to make their case and convince the panel of judges to vote for or against (respectively) on the case. During the procedure, the advocates have to call on their memorandum, their witnesses and substantial evidence that they have provided. It is in the judges' discretion to decide whether the evidence and witnesses' statements are taken under Minimum, Medium, Maximum Consideration.** Each judge has one vote for or against the plaintiff. On the off chance that there is a tie, the president of the ICJ has the deciding vote. When court is adjourned during the closing ceremony of the TMUN, the verdict will be announced by the Vice-President. Whichever party is deemed successful, its main representative(The Russian Federation or Ukraine) will receive an award, while the best delegate of the committee will receive one as well. ***It is highly suggested that the delegates collect as much evidence about as many topics in relation to the case as possible in order to provide strong arguments.*** Evidence packets will be required from each delegate as well as witness lists provided from each party. Delegates will also be required to give an opening statement stating their support for either the plaintiff or defendant as well as their stance on the case itself and solutions to the conflict(For Example: Sanctions against the plaintiff if found guilty). The Representative delegates will also be required to

**give closing statements and answer questions from any delegate or ambassador present at the TMUN(if there are any) during the closing ceremony.**

-Objections Points and Motions:

The Objections, Motions and Points are used to draw attention to mistakes that may have been made, requests to do something outside of the natural procedure and questions that a participant may have. Anyone can make these.

### **Objections:**

- **Hearsay** (when during the interrogation of the witness, the witness doesn't work as a primary source but as a secondary)
- **Leading Question** (when the questions made by the advocate providing the witness to the same witness can be answered in a yes or no manner or it is posed in a way that the witness doesn't express their opinion)
- **Speculation** (when the witness or an advocate tries to predict a certain outcome that is not capable of being 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 is intimidating the witness)
- **Relevance**(ex. giving a statement or claim and has no connection and correlation to the topic being discussed)
- **Authenticity**, (ex: We are not sure if this is the whole).
- **Reliability**, (ex: This document is from an unknown author relevance, e.x It is not relevant to our case).

### **Points:**

- **Point of Personal Privilege** (Ask the Chairs to change something making you uncomfortable, such as temperature, technical issues, or inability to hear the speaker. This is the only point that may interrupt a speaker)

- ***Point of Parliamentary Inquiry*** (in order to obtain the chair's guidance so they can take the appropriate action).
- ***Point of Inquiry*** (A question directed to the Chairs about MUN procedure).
- ***Point of Clarification*** (A point normally made by the Chairs to clarify something, such as a fact).

### **Motions:**

- ***Motion to extend*** (only made by the Judges)
- ***Motion to approach panel*** (When a delegate wants to speak or show something privately that only the panel can hear)
- ***Motion to Recess:*** Motion to finish the current committee session.
- ***Motion to Adjourn:*** End of 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

## **The Procedure of the Court:**

### **-Opening Statements:**

When the court begins, delegates will be required to give opening statements. These opening statements will be short speeches given by each country in order to reaffirm support for the plaintiff or defendant all while explicitly stating the stance of their country. **Every delegate is required to provide an opening statement.** Delegates will present their opening statements in country alphabetical order. Delegates must refer to their country's current political stance, historical ties and relationships, as well as their country's foreign policy and judgment.

### **-Presentation of Evidence/ Evidence Packets**

After opening statements are presented and delegates are aware of which party they support, evidence packets will be presented by both advocate teams. **Every delegate is required to provide an evidence packet**

**that contains atleast 10 different pieces of evidence (If this requirement isn't met all the evidence in that packet will be considered inadmissible).**

The two parties will then combine their evidence packets and organize their evidence as shown in the example provided below. Advocate teams will take turns presenting their evidence whether it be in the form of a map, picture, statistics, or quotations from reliable sources/experts. **Delegates must also be aware that any evidence may be refuted by the judges or be considered inadmissible by the members of the court.**

### -Witness Lists/Witness Questioning

Advocate teams will be required to prepare a witness list. During this part of the trial, advocate teams will select members of the opposing party for questioning. **The delegates may pose any question with respect and relevance to the rules of the court.** The party whose member is being questioned may defend the one being questioned using any of the motions, points, or objections listed above (For example: Objection Badgering; The party is either not asking the question or is attempting to “intimidate” the one being questioned). **All delegates are required to prepare questions for witnesses in the opposing parties so that both advocate teams are provided with enough questions.** **As stated previously, it is in the judges' discretion to decide whether the evidence and witnesses' statements are taken under Minimum, Medium, Maximum Consideration, or reject that specific piece of evidence with a vote of 2 judges.**

### -Closing Arguments and Statements

During the closing ceremony, lead advocates of the opposing teams (Delegates or Ambassadors Of the Russian Federation and Ukraine) will be required to give closing statements/arguments. These statements need to have any closing statements that the parties would like to present and any final comments. The closing statements must reaffirm the countries' stances

and summarize all their arguments. Lead advocates will also need to answer any questions presented to them by any members of the general assembly after their closing statements if there are any. It will also serve as a final opportunity to present evidence. The verdict will be presented by the judges and Vice-president during the Closing General-Assembly. The "Judges' " will be permitted to engage in discussion about their votes and reflect on the evidence submitted only subsequent to a "Delegate" from any side proposing a motion to adjourn that subsequently achieves majority approval.

- Plagiarism Policy:
- “The Secretary-General 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 delegates or ambassadors 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(Secretary-General) reserves all rights to disqualify a delegate from the awards.”(TMUN, Conference Policies handbook)
- Any offense by a fellow delegate, ambassador, or chair needs to be reported to the Secretariat(Secretary General, Executive Advisor and Deputy to the Secretary General) in order to ensure a productive and fair process.

## **Disclaimer:**

**Any informal or any inappropriate use of language/behavior will not be tolerated and will result in a penalty given to the delegate in the race for best delegate. The delegate’s party may also be punished for such behavior. If deemed necessary, the delegate will be asked to leave the court for a certain period of time.**



# Thank you, and welcome to the International Court of Justice

Example for Team evidence Packet:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/19BUj1o\\_2dzk7COMBaIBdKVLJrYpAMoONi2cx45Qk13w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19BUj1o_2dzk7COMBaIBdKVLJrYpAMoONi2cx45Qk13w/edit?usp=sharing)

Example for Individual Delegate Opening Statement:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lY\\_Ym37vD77lcfEOcboiGIheVYYzeL5EpVte0xqAL98/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lY_Ym37vD77lcfEOcboiGIheVYYzeL5EpVte0xqAL98/edit?usp=sharing)

Example for Individual Delegate Evidence Packet

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hzJMMvdFJeReyY9YSxfDP8OsDmmjmkp7Vlw4-65LFjw/edit?usp=sharing>

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