

# ICJ's Booklet

MUNNY CONFERENCE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024





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## Introduction

Dear judges, advocates and witnesses,

We would like to welcome you to this year's simulation of the United Nations' International Court of Justice (ICJ). This 12<sup>th</sup> annual MUNNY conference will be the first to simulate the ICJ, which we are proud to be a part of. In this year's ICJ we will discuss the case on the status of the Rohingya Genocide (the Gambia vs. Myanmar) and the case on racial discrimination between neighbours (Armenia vs. Azerbaijan). The material in this booklet is the result of all our preparation and will serve as your most important reference material during the conference. We hope you enjoy our conference and our simulation of the ICJ.

Yours sincerely,

Erik David La Cour Dabelko

Secretary General of MUNNY



# Programme of Events

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024			
Time	Event	Location	
14:00-15:00	Registration of participants	C503	
15:00-16:45	Opening Ceremony	C503	
16:50-18:00	Councils in Session	Allocated rooms	
19:00-22:30/23:00	Committee Evening	Allocated Restaurants	

*Note:* For those who come after 15:00, they will have to register after the opening ceremony due to the tight schedule.

<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	
15:00-15:05	Welcome
15:05-15:10	Speech by Ulrik Nørum, Head of IB at Nyborg Gymnasium
15:10-15:20	Speech by Conference Management
15:20-15:30	Speech by the Secretary General
15:40-15:50	Speech by Ms. Andersen, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
15:50-16:10	Question and Answer Session between Ms. Anderson and the Conference
16:10-16:45	Ambassador's Speeches

Friday 8th of March 2024			
Time	Event	Location	
08:30-17:30	Council in session	Allocated rooms	
09:30-17:30	FCO & Secretariat and Approval Panel	J103 and J102	
12:00-12:45	Lunch Available:	Boarding School (BS)	



Saturday 9th of March 2024			
Time	Event	Location	
09:00-16:30	Council in session	Allocated rooms	
9:00-11:30	Council photos		
12:00-12:45	Lunch available	Boarding School	
19:30- 00:00	MUNNY Official Party	Foodcamp	

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024			
Time	Closing Ceremony	Location	
10:00-10:45	Chairs speeches & Awards	C503	
10:45-10:55	Conference Manager's Speech	C503	
10:55-11:10	Secretary General's Speech	C503	
11:10-11:30	Goodbye for this year		

As proposed by the MUNNY Executive Board.

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#### Rules of Procedure for The ICJ

- (1) The International Court of Justice shall consist of eleven judges, one President and one Vice President.
- (2) A nation before the International Court of Justice shall be represented by two advocates.
- (3) The proceeding of events in a case within the International Court of Justice must contain:
  - a. opening statements,
  - b. presentation of evidence,
  - c. rebuttal of evidence,
  - d. questioning of witnesses (See art. 19-5 and 19-6),
  - e. judicial inquisition,
  - f. closing statements,
  - g. deliberations.
- (4) A witness is defined as an involved member state that can be summoned by either set of advocates
- (5) When a witness is questioned, they will first be questioned by the advocates that summoned them, and then cross-examined by the opposing advocates. Cross-examination can only be related to the questions posed by the summoning advocates.
- (6) Only evidence that is properly attributed can be used in a MUNNY ICJ Session.
- (7) The Deliberation of Judges shall take place after the closing statements.
- (8) The opinions of an individual judge must not be revealed to anyone before during the Deliberation
- (9) The Deliberations shall take place in private, and nobody but the executive board of MUNNY, the judges, and the presidency are allowed to be in the forum during the process.
- (10) The final verdict of the Jury of Judges is public, and shall be submitted to the Secretary General in writing.



### Jurisdiction Of The International Court Of Justice

In the exercise of its jurisdiction in contentious cases, the International Court of Justice has to decide, in accordance with international law, disputes of a legal nature that are submitted to it by States. An international legal dispute can be defined as a disagreement on a question of law or fact, a conflict, a clash of legal views or of interests.

#### Statute of the International Court of Justice – article 38

- 1. The Court, whose function is to decide in accordance with international law such disputes as are submitted to it, shall apply:
  - a. international conventions, whether general or particular, establishing rules expressly recognized by the contesting states;
  - b. international custom, as evidence of a general practice accepted as law;
  - c. the general principles of law recognized by civilized nations;
  - d. subject to the provisions of Article 59, judicial decisions and the teachings of the most highly qualified publicists of the various nations, as subsidiary means for the determination of rules of law.

#### **Definition of legal terms**

Terra nullius = land belonging to no one

Probative value = evidence which is sufficiently useful to prove something important in a trial

Tacit consent = tacit approval of someone's wrongdoing

Acquisition by acquiescence = acquire/gain land by consent or passive compliance of the owner

(Title by) adverse possession = a method of gaining legal title to real property by the actual, open, hostile, and continuous possession of it to the exclusion of its true owner for the period prescribed by state law