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## SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2022

### TASK

Dear students,

You are asked to write part of a claim based on a fictional problem (<https://spacelaw.univie.ac.at/selection-process/>). You are able to choose which side you are representing. In the second stage of the application process, you will be asked to present your understanding of the problem as well as your claims (separately). For information regarding the application process please visit our website or contact Stephanie Stipsits (see below).

As a representative of one of the state parties in the dispute, you are tasked to submit all three claims to the **International Court of Justice**.

#### Phase 1

The claims should be a short essay in the form of a memorial for a moot court. You can find examples of memorials here: [https://iislweb.org/lachs\\_moot/resources/](https://iislweb.org/lachs_moot/resources/) (you are not expected to draw from these memorials substantively.) For every aspect of the claim you are dealing with, you should provide the following structure:

Rule (i.e. the legal norm that you apply) - facts (i.e. a brief restatement of only the relevant facts for your claim) - subsumption (the application of the law to the facts).

It is important to take into consideration **all** the sources we will provide you. On the other hand, use of additional sources is not required.

*Please keep the following things in mind:*

- You are representing your country as an agent, not as a judge or neutral legal advisor. Your sole aim is to ensure a victory in Court for your client.

- Provide footnotes for every claim you make; and for every norm or other source, you are basing your assertions on. This also includes the facts you are stating. Use an appropriate citation system you are comfortable with. There is no bibliography needed.
- Limit yourself to the claim. There is no need for formalities aside from footnotes (i.e. no cover page, index, etc.)
- Your argumentation should be concise and stringent.
- There is no “correct” solution, just convincing ones. The norms of space law are vague, emphasizing the need for further interpretation and argumentation.

The limit for your paper is **3 pages max** including footnotes and a separate table of all sources you used. The required font is Times New Roman 12pt, with a 1.5 line spacing. Headlines may be larger.

You are expected to deliver an essay outlining a creative and substantiated short version of your country’s claim. Logic, understanding and application of the resources are more important than extensive knowledge of international law.

The deadline is on **Sunday, 17 of October** at **23:59**. Late submissions will not be accepted!

In case of questions, please contact Stephanie Stipsits via email ([stephanie.stipsits@univie.ac.at](mailto:stephanie.stipsits@univie.ac.at)) or our website (<http://spacelaw.univie.ac.at/home/>).

**Good luck!**