

Additional Instructions for the Moot Court

1. Format of the Memorial

The memorial should be organized as indicated in 6.1 of the official Competition Rules of the 2023 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court, which includes:

- A standard cover page, identical in style and content to Appendix A. The cover page should not carry any mark that identifies the team [...]
- A table of contents.
- A table of abbreviations [added for our competition].
- A table of authorities.
- A brief summary of facts.
- A summary of arguments, not exceeding 350 words.
- Pleadings.

The memorial proper must not exceed 3,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding the summary and table of authorities). Indicate the word count on the last page.

The format should be as follows:

- Spacing: Double-spaced
- Form: Typewritten
- Margins: Top: 2cm, Bottom: 2cm, Left: 2cm, Right: 2cm
- Font: Arial 12

Failure to follow the prescribed requirements may result in penalties being imposed.

2. Case Law

The fictional character of the institutions leaves us without any case law to rely on. Therefore, all the case law relevant to “similar” articles will count as originating from the same (quasi-)judicial body.

For example: *The rights provided for in the Komodoen Charter are similar in substance to those provided for in the European Convention on Human Rights.* Case law from the European Court of Human Rights dealing with the relevant provision will therefore have a privileged legal status.

Please note that none of the case law will be considered as binding precedent (in the meaning of *stare decisis*) but only as a *subsidiary source*. Thus, while the “privileged” case law will be attached a greater weight in this context, you are free (and in fact encouraged) to also discuss judgments from other courts and institutions if this aids the interpretive exercise or reinforces your legal arguments.

3. Best timeline and list of basic instruments

The registry of the Komodoen Human Rights Court is unfortunately on strike. The Court thus requests the parties to submit, as a courtesy, a timeline of the events.

The (colour) teams submitting the neatest timeline will be awarded one additional point on their memorial grade, respectively.

Submission is voluntary. Please use the submission function that has been created on Moodle.

4. Evaluation

The memorials will be assessed using a slightly modified grade sheet of the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court:

Indicators	Points
Case Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of the facts • Correct and articulate analysis of the issues 	25
Human Rights Law Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarity with international instruments • General knowledge of substance and process of international law • Knowledge of legal principles directly applicable to the facts 	30
Technical presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting (style, footnotes, typography, acknowledgement of authorities) • Document layout (margins, paragraphs, word count) • Language use (correct, clear, coherent, understandable) • Bibliography 	25
Strength of Argument <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial argumentation • Ingenuity • Persuasiveness & conviction 	20
Total	100

All members of a group will receive the same grade for their memorial.