

ICC Position Outline

Background of the topic

- History of the case, parties involved, context of the case (provide a broad scope of the case and events surrounding it)
- Keep in mind the topic in this section should be looked from a holistic perspective where you build an understanding of events that have led to the trial
 - To ensure objectivity during the trial process your background knowledge should cover each side of the case effectively

United Nations Involvement

- Past UN action taken: special committees formed or investigations conducted by U.N. bodies
- Directly reference organs involved including any NGOs involved
- Describe other international responses to the case in question (declarations from other countries and opinions from other intergovernmental organizations)

Pretrial Opinion

- Utilizing the evidence that you have been presented or gathered complete the following:
 - Evaluate the strength of the arguments of both the prosecution and defense
 - Prior to hearing arguments please indicate your personal opinion on the case (this is not asking you to render a final verdict, but instead more an acknowledgment of pretrial bias in an effort to work towards impartiality)
- You should refer to yourself as a justice during this section if you do utilize first person

Questions for prospective witnesses

- Two specific questions for each prospective witnesses
- It may be helpful for you to frame the questions in the context of the arguments set forth by the defense and prosecution in the topic synopsis

General Tips

- Essay should not exceed two pages of written work (Works Cited should be on page 3 separately)
- Utilize MLA Citation when citing sources
- Attempt to maintain objectivity