



American Model United Nations
International Court of Justice

Avena and Other Mexican Nationals (Mexico v. The United States of America)

ARGUED: 24 November 2019

DECIDED: 25 November 2019

1 The concurring opinion was written and signed onto by Justice Al-Hamad of Norway.

2 This justice concurs with the majority opinion that the International Court of Justice has jurisdiction to
3 decide on this case, due to both countries being parties to the Vienna Convention. However, this justice is unsure
4 about three main points the majority concluded on: points 4 and 6.

5 With regard to point 4, I do not believe that the Mexican government has claim that the rights of their
6 citizens who are also citizens of the United States that they were given a mistrial, as the United States can claim
7 that since they were American citizens, committing a crime within the United States, that this is their matter.

8 Furthermore, on point 6, I am unclear about the majority opinion that the U.S. federal government can
9 interfere in state criminal cases, and have them be declared mistrials either, due to the complexity of the U.S. legal
10 system.

Signed By

Justice Hamad Al-Hamad