



## AMUN Digital Conference Experience Preparation Newsletter

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### Participate in AMUN's Premier Simulations *International Court of Justice and Commission of Inquiry*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Now is the time to grab an extra country if you need one or to give your students an opportunity to participate in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) or Commission of Inquiry (COI)!

#### Argue a Case Before the Court!

We have three countries available that have cases before the International Court of Justice: Bolivia, Madagascar and Marshall Islands. These openings provide a great opportunity for students interested in the Court an opportunity to prepare as an advocate and present oral arguments.

Bolivia is a party to the ICJ case, [Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean \(Bolivia v. Chile\)](#). Note: Bolivia is also designated to seat a commissioner in another specialized simulation, the [Historical Commission of Inquiry: Non-Aligned States in Cold War Context](#).

Madagascar and Marshall Islands will argue before the Court on an Advisory Opinion [Legal Consequences of the Separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965](#).

Priority for these assignments, particularly Bolivia, will be given to a school that can fill the full delegation, including the ICJ and COI assignment, but we will also consider registering a single additional student for the ICJ assignment. The assignment as an ICJ Advocate is not a full-time Conference position, which makes it a good fit for a Permanent Representative or another student who has an interest in the ICJ, but who is assigned to another committee or is floating.

As a reminder, position papers and ICJ Memorials are due on 1 October, so the earlier your students are able to begin preparations, the better. AMUN staff is available to assist with advocate preparations as well.

#### Serve as a Justice on the International Court of Justice

There are still seats available for students to serve as Justices on the International Court of Justice. These slots are [filled by application](#) on a first-come-first-served basis. Justices on the ICJ listen to oral arguments on three cases, deliberate to reach a ruling, and write opinions on the cases with other Justices.

The ICJ is a small, specialized simulation that introduces students to the workings of international law, legal reasoning and argument, and which emphasizes collaboration and written communication. Serving as a Justice is a full-time role for the duration of the Conference.

Priority for these registrations would go to schools attached to a full delegation, but we will accept applications for representation in these bodies by individual students. Individually-assigned students would pay only the per-delegate fee of \$58 and would not be required to pay the \$35 country fee. Apply to be a Justice by filling out the form online.

## **Serve as a Commissioner for the Historical Commission of Inquiry**

The Historical Commission of Inquiry is a specialized simulation unique to AMUN. In addition to the seat that could be filled by a representative from Bolivia, there are also seats to be filled in this body by Portugal and Zambia. These countries' particular perspectives are important because they were selected by the countries with an interest or dispute before the Commission to represent their perspectives and interests.

Again, priority for these registrations would go to schools wishing to represent the full delegation, but we will accept applications for representation in these bodies by individual students.

Individually-assigned students would pay only the per-delegate fee and would not be required to pay the \$35 country fee. Apply to be a COI Commissioner by filling out the form [online](#).

In addition to these three seats, which are from designated countries, there are also open Commission seats available; these seats may be filled by any interested student from delegations that do not have a stake in matters under investigation by the Commission (in 2020, delegations that may not seat a Commissioner include Israel, Palestine, Seychelles, and South Africa; if your school has one of these countries and has a student that wishes to participate we would give them a different country affiliation.)

## **Questions, Comments or Concerns?**

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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