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**SECOND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION COMPETITION**  
***ARBITRATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER***

***"ANKAWAINTERNATIONAL".***

**COMPETITION RULES**

***Preamble***

The Ankawa Moot Steering Committee commits to:

Support the promotion of arbitration as an effective mechanism for dispute resolution;

Encourage the permanent capacity-building of law students, professionals and academics;

Bear in mind the importance of international law for future generations;

Strive to foster international law from the global south;

Seek to facilitate a truly international participation of teams;

Call upon everyone engaged in the Ankawa Moot to abide by its Official Rules;

Adopting the following Official Rules for the 2024 Competition.



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## **PUBLICATION OF THE RULES**

1. Registration for the second Edition of the International Arbitration Competition, organized by the Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Center of Ankawa International, in partnership with MCL Arbitration, hereinafter referred to as "MOOT ANKAWA", implies acceptance of the present rules. These rules are deposited at the General Secretariat of Ankawa International's Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Center, hereinafter referred to as "CARD- ANKAWA", and are published for any interested party or institution at: <https://card.ankawagroup.org/>.

## **INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

2. The Ankawa Moot Steering Committee interprets the competition rules in case of doubt or need. Likewise, it may modify part or all its contents provided that timely prior notice is given to the participating teams.

## **LANGUAGE OF THE COMPETITION**

3. The second edition of the Ankawa Moot will be held in English.

## **TEAMS COMPOSITION**

4. Several teams per university or law school may participate. Each team is composed of 2 (two) persons.

## **REGISTRATION TO THE MOOT**

5. The registration form, including the full names and e-mail addresses of team members, advisors, and/or coaches, will be available at: <https://card.ankawagroup.org/>.
6. The deadline for registration to the competition is September 16, 2024. For a team to be duly registered, it must (i) complete the registration form on the competition website, and then (ii) send an email to: [moot@ankawagroup.org](mailto:moot@ankawagroup.org) indicating the identity document number (passport or ID) of the members of its team, as well as the full name of its university or law school.

## **DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATION OF PARTICIPATION**

7. The registration of a team to the competition entails the commitment of the participants that, in case of cancellation of any registration, such cancellation must be requested no later than the day fixed for the submission of the first memorial (September 30, 2024).

## **TEAMS' ADVISORS**

8. Each team may have a maximum of 2 (two) advisors or coaches. The coach will limit his/her performance to support the work of the team, meaning to the



writing of the submissions, as well as the participation in the team's hearings.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEMORIALS**

9. The names of the Universities should not appear in the submissions; each team shall be identified by a team number that will be assigned to them at the close of registration.

## **THE LEGAL PROBLEM QUESTION (CAS PRATIQUE)**

10. The competition consists of 3 (three) stages and will be based on a hypothetical case (Legal Problem Question), of which each team must: a. Draft the memorial referred to in the case as the Claimant ("Claimant's Memorial"); b. Draft the memorial referred to in the case as the Respondent ("Respondent's Memorial"); and c. Defend its case in one or more arbitration hearings. Defend its position in one or more arbitration hearings.
11. The Legal Problem Question will be published on March 27, 2024, on the competition website. All facts raised in the case are specifically created for the purposes of the MOOT ANKAWA and do not correspond to any actual case administered by the CARD-ANKAWA.
12. Only the facts outlined in the case agenda and the corresponding case clarifications may be used to draft the Claimant's memorial and the Respondent's memorial. The teams may only use as evidence, for the defense of their arguments, the documents that have been included in the Legal Problem Question, and the corresponding clarifications. Nevertheless, the teams may expand and reinforce the arguments of their memorials based on what is presented at the hearings, noting however that no additional evidence shall be brought forward in this manner.

## **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

13. The participating teams must conduct research about the legal topics relevant to the Legal Problem Question to support or defend their arguments, such as legal grounds, applicable jurisprudence, and doctrine.

## **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS ON THE LEGAL PROBLEM**

14. The Ankawa Moot Steering Committee may receive requests for clarifications or doubts related to the Legal Problem Question. If clarifications are needed, they will be published on the competition website by September 2, 2024, and they must be considered a part of the Legal Problem Question. The Steering Committee has the right to make further clarifications before the Claimant's Memorial submission, which should also be published on the moot website. Hence it is the responsibility of the participants to continuously check the competition web page to be aware of changes in the clarifications or any other notice made on such website.



## **DEADLINE FOR CLAIMANT'S MEMORIAL**

**15.** Teams shall draft the Claimant's Memorial and submit it to CARD-ANKAWA by e-mail no later than October 15, 2024.

## **TEAMS DRAWING**

**16.** On September 30, 2024, a draw will be used to allocate participants to teams and such draw will take place at the CARD ANKAWA. Accordingly, the memorials submitted to CARD-ANKAWA will be notified via e-mail in a cross-referenced manner.

## **DEADLINE FOR RESPONDENT'S MEMORIAL**

**17.** The teams shall draft the "Respondent's Memorial" and submit it to CARD-ANKAWA by e-mail no later than October 31, 2024.

**18.** Any team that submits its memorial after these deadlines will be disqualified. It is important to note that only students and not teams will be disqualified.

## **FORMAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**19.** Submissions must conform to the following:

- a. They must not exceed 20 (twenty) pages, written in word processor "Word" in Arial font, size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. (Attachments to the case that are added to the memorials will not be counted within the 20 page limit);
- b. All pages must be numbered in X of Y format (example: 1 of 12);
- c. The team number assigned to the team should be included on the first page in Arial font size 10, indicating whether it is the Claimant's memorial or the Respondent's memorial. The names of the participants and the team's counsel should not be included (Example: Team No.; Claimant's Memorial).

## **PUBLICATION OF MEMORIALS & AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS**

**20.** CARD-ANKAWA reserves the right to reproduce the work submitted by the participating teams in whole or in part, as well as to rebroadcast footage of the hearings. Likewise, all audiovisual material used by the teams in the hearings may be handed over to the Steering Committee at the end of the hearing, for academic purposes.

## **HEARINGS FORMAT**

**21.** The teams will be required to defend the arguments raised in their written submissions at one or more hearings as Claimant and Respondent, respectively, before an Arbitral Tribunal composed of 3 (three) arbitrators appointed by the Steering Committee. The hearings will be conducted from November 4, 2024 from MCL Arbitration Headquarters in Paris-France. Each hearing will last 1 (one) hour, with the possibility of a 30-minute extension.



Only 2 (two) team members will participate in each hearing, without necessarily having to participate in all hearings. Teams that fail to appear at the hearings will be disqualified. Teams whose turn it is to face the disqualified team, whether as Claimant or Respondent, must appear at the hearing scheduled in the calendar that will be sent to them, assuming that the assumption provided for in Article 28 of the CARD- ANKAWA Arbitration Rules shall be applicable, if possible. This principle also applies if a team fails to file its claim or defense.

- 22.** Depending on the number of participating teams, in addition to the first round of hearings, there will be 1 or 2 further elimination stages for the purposes of eliminating extra participating teams, and a final hearing between the 2 teams that have obtained the highest score in each of the semi-final hearings. All of the above hearings shall be heard by an Arbitral Tribunal composed of three nationally and internationally recognized arbitrators. The final hearing will be held on the day of the semi-final hearings. On the same day, awards will be presented to all participants.
- 23.** No other team member or team coordinator will be allowed access to the first round of hearings. From the second round onwards, all hearings will be open to the public.
- 24.** In the case of 12 or more participating teams, two or more elimination stages will be carried out according to the following dynamics:
  - a) For the first elimination stage, a draw will be made to determine which teams will face each other in 3 (three) or 4 (four) hearings, as applicable. The teams with the highest scores will move on to the second elimination stage, which could be the semifinal stage;
  - b) For the second elimination stage, a draw will be made to determine which teams will face each other in 2 (two) or more hearings, as applicable. The winners of these hearings will move on to the next stage, which may be the semifinal or final stage. The winners in each of the hearings of the semifinal stage will move on to the final stage. The other 2 (two) teams will face each other in another hearing to define the team to be awarded third place. In this stage of the competition, participants may use all the advice and experience gained in the first hearings, and may use any argument to defend their position, even if it is contrary to the one included in their written submissions.
- 25.** During the hearings, the teams may make use of computer equipment and printed material only as a means of consultation if required. Likewise, if they deem it convenient, they may make use of copies, audiovisual material, or any other means that allows the arbitrators to know the evidence, under Article 12 of the CARD- ANKAWA Arbitration Rules.
- 26.** No member of the audience, including the rest of the team members and the team coordinator, may give notes or documents to the participants, nor may they use telecommunication means (computer equipment, cellular phones, etc.) that would allow them to transmit information to the presenting participants.



## ARBITRATORS' EVALUATION

- 27.** The arbitrators will evaluate and award the participants with points, considering the following:
- a) the writing of the submissions according to the following criteria: (i) analysis of the problem question; (ii) clarity and relevance of the arguments used; (iii) research carried out by the teams;
  - b) the skills of advocacy and defense of arguments by the participants in the hearings, and;
  - c) CARD-ANKAWA, for its part, will review the fulfillment of the formal requirements outlined in these Rules. The sum of the points will determine which teams will advance to the second elimination stage. From the second elimination stage onwards, the arbitrators will evaluate only the performance at the hearing, according to the following criteria: (i) analysis of the problem question; (ii) defense of arguments; (iii) public speaking and advocacy. All decisions of the arbitrators during the competition shall be final.

## PUBLICATION OF SCORES

- 28.** Scores will be released privately at the request of each participating team within thirty days after the end of the competition. Any other request related to competition must be made only within this time limit.

## MOOT'S PRIZES

- 29.** The prize for the First-Place team will consist of two full scholarships (tuition) for the Virtual Summer Program Specialized in International Commercial Arbitration at Washington College of Law - American University, Washington D.C. (USA). Second Place will consist of two internships at a prestigious international law firm. Diplomas of recognition to the best speaker and best memorial will be also delivered. Additional prizes may also be allocated to participants.
- 30.** If the number of teams participating in the hearings exceeds 12 (twelve), the 3 (three) best-written submissions and the 3 (three) best speakers will be awarded Diplomas of recognition. To be eligible to receive the best speaker award, the participant's team must have passed at least the first elimination stage and must have participated in the hearings at least once as a Claimant and once as a Respondent.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

- 31.** There is no participation fee. Participation is free of charge.



## ENTRY TO FRANCE

- 32.** If visas are required (entry to France), the Steering Committee may deliver official invitation letters to be present at consular authorities.
- 33.** All expenses derived from the preparation and participation in the competition by the teams shall be the sole responsibility of the teams. CARD-ANKAWA, the Steering Committee, collaborators and sponsors of this competition shall have no obligation to cover any expenses derived from the participation of the teams in the competition.

## OFFICIAL CONTACTS

**34.** MOOT's contact details are as follows:

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STEERING COMMITTEE



## OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Call for applications	January 15, 2024
Publication of the Legal Problem Question	March 27, 2024
Publication of clarifications	September 2, 2024
Registration deadline	September 16, 2024
Claimant's memorial submission (deadline)	October 15, 2024
Teams Drawing	September 30, 2024
Respondent's memorial submission (deadline)	October 31, 2024
Hearings	November 4, 2023