

Background Reading

For a preliminary understanding of the International Court of Justice, read:

- 1) www.icj-cij.org/en/frequently-asked-questions
- 2) Statute of the International Court of Justice (Articles 36 and 38 of particular importance)
- 3) Van Der Wolf & De Ruiter, "The International Court of Justice: Facts and Documents About the History and Work of the Court" (*International Courts Association*, 2011)

For a basic introduction to the history of Israel, Palestine, and Jerusalem, read:

- 1) www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-29123668
- 2) www.sbs.com.au/news/the-israeli-palestinian-conflict-explained_2
- 3) www.nytimes.com/2017/12/05/world/middleeast/jerusalem-history-peace-deal.html
- 4) Barton, John. "The Temple of Jerusalem - The Extraordinary History of a Site Sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims." (*Times Literary Supplement*, 2004)
- 5) UN General Assembly, *Question of Palestine: Resolution / Adopted by the General Assembly*, 15 December 1988, A/RES/43/177

For an insight into the issue at hand for this committee, read:

- 1) Application Instituting Proceedings in the International Court of Justice (*State of Palestine v. United States of America*), 28th September 2018
- 2) Statute of the International Court of Justice (Articles 34 and 35 in particular)
- 3) Charter of the United Nations (Chapter XIV)
- 4) Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (Articles 3, 21, and 41)
- 5) Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (Article I, II, and VII)
- 6) *Case of the Monetary Gold Removed From Rome in 1943 (Italy v France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America)*, International Court of Justice, 15 June 1954 (Page 32-33 in particular)
- 7) UN Security Council, *The International Court of Justice: Resolution / Adopted by the Security Council*, 15 October 1946, S/RES/9
- 8) Bradandere, Eric. "The Use of Precedent and External Case-Law by the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea" (*Grotius Centre Working Paper Series*, 2016/057-PIL).
- 9) Crawford, James. "The Creation of the State of Palestine: Too Much Too Soon?" (*European Journal of International Law*, 1990).
- 10) Kawano, Mariko. "Standing of a State in the Contentious Proceedings of the International Court of Justice." (*Japanese Y.B. Int'L*, 2012).
- 11) <https://www.ejiltalk.org/> (Several opinion pieces on specific topic available).

Note: The material above is not a complete account of the law, and it may be hard to see how it fits together in the absence of a background guide. However, it is recommended that delegates use the primary legal resources above in the interim to get a grasp of the important concepts, and then build on this knowledge once they have a framework to do so.