

WestMUN XVIII
International Criminal Court: Assignment #1

Judges: Download and read the Rules of Procedure & Evidence. This document will be the basis of your assignments until trial. Despite the fact that the United States refuses to ratify the Rome Statute, the mode of jurisdiction for the ICC is modeled very closely after that of the United States- with some key differences. In one page or less, answer the following questions:

1. Define rule #141 under the Rules of Procedure & Evidence. How is this rule different from what you already know of American court procedure?
2. If the defense raises a motion based on rule #141, will you grant it? Why or why not?

Defense, Defendants, & Prosecution: Download and read the Case Summary from the WestMUN website. Note that the three prosecution witnesses are actual people. Google “Somaly Mam”, and conduct your own independent research into her background and current status. Answer the following questions, in one page or less:

1. Who is Somaly Mam, and why would prosecution want to call her as a witness to testify at trial?
2. What is AFESIP? What is Somaly Mam’s role in that organization?

IMPORTANT: The “witnesses” in this mock trial are real people. It is NOT acceptable to contact them in connection with your research for this mock trial. Actors will be playing the roles of the named witnesses at the conference. Your allowable research is limited to the information you find on the internet and library reference materials about the witnesses. Print up any material information that your investigation yields, as it may be admissible at trial.