The 10th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2012)

(An Inter-University Competition for Asia-Pacific Region) (March 8-10, 2012)

Assessment criteria

For details of scoring, please refer to Rules 64-68 & 71-74.

I. For Memorials (Max. score per team: 100)

A. **Assessment Criteria**

- Knowledge of facts and legal principles applicable to the issues 1.
- Proper and logical analysis of issues
- Correctness of grammar, format and citations (including footnotes)
- * Please refer to scoresheets for marks assigned to each of the above criteria.

B. **Mark Reduction**

Memorial will be subject to mark deduction if it violates the requirements as stated under Rules 29-39, which include layout and length of memorial, as well as date of submission.

For Oral Hearings (Max. score per team: 400 for each round)

Assessment Criteria A.

- Content and Development of Argument 1.
 - Familiarity with law
 - Understanding of legal issues
 - Use of legal authorities
 - Use of policy
 - Awareness of strengths and weaknesses of case
 - Organization of case
 - Conciseness, clarity and comprehensiveness
 - Allocation of time
- 2. Questions from the Bench
 - Composure
 - Ability to provide direct, responsive answers
 - Ability to perceive and discuss important issues with court
 - Control of discussion, without interrupting Judges
 - Ability to dispose of collateral issues tactfully
 - Ability to return to argument after questions
- 3. Speaking ability and delivery
 - Confidence
 - Mannerism
 - Rapport with the Bench
 - Tone of voice, pace, eye-contact

B. **Mark Reduction**

Any team members, regardless of First/Second Counsel, who mention the university name of their respective team under whatever reasons and/or circumstances, a one-off fixed mark of 20 will be deducted from the concerned Counsel(s), which will in turn affect their team score out of the total of 400 for each relevant oral hearing. The judge identifies the violation should mark on the score sheets with the specific space provided (please refer to the score sheet). The Chief Judge will play a facilitating role to align on decision within the panel of judges in the courtroom to validate the mark deduction.

C. Weighting among Panel of Judges (3 judges in each panel)

	Counsel	Score			subtotal (200) Each Counsel	Total (400) in Team
		Judge 1 (Chief) (40+20+20=80)	Judge 2 (40+20+20=80)	Judge 3 (40+20+20=80)	= (Avg of 3 judges) x 2.5	
Prosecutor	1st Counsel	80	80	80	200	400
	2nd Counsel	80	80	80	200	
Defendant	1st Counsel	80	80	80	200	400
	2nd Counsel	80	80	80	200	

^{*} Assignment of Chief Judge in each panel will be informed during Judges Briefing Session before the oral hearings.

In accordance with Rules 75 & 77, copies of individual judges' scoresheets of oral hearing and memorials (applicable in general rounds) will be distributed to respective participating teams after individual rounds for teams' verification, and participating team could raise appeal should they identify any arithmetic error.

III. <u>Use of Memorials as Component of Scoring</u>
With reference to the Rules (64-68; 71-74), under normal circumstances, the memorial score out of 100 will be combined to the oral hearing score out of 400 to come up with a total score out of 500 for each team in the general rounds. In the semi-final and final rounds, however, only the oral hearing score out of 400 for each team will be concerned. The use of memorial score will also be considered under tied case, regardless of rounds in concern.

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