International Criminal Court

YUNMUN XXXVII

Dear ICC Delegates,

We are excited and humbled to welcome you to YUNMUN XXXVII and congratulate you on your appointment to the International Criminal Court (ICC)! We are Dovid Engelsohn and Zachy Gross, and we are hyped to be your co-chairs for ICC at this year's conference! Here's a quick snippet about each of us:

My name is Dovid Engelsohn. I am from West Hempstead, New York, and attended Rambam Mesivta. After graduating in 2023, I spent one year in yeshiva at Mevaseret. Currently, I am a senior in Sy Syms majoring in Accounting. This is my second year in ICC, and I can't wait! I did Mock Trial for three years in High School and was captain my senior year. Last summer I interned for Justice David B. Cohen in New York City's Supreme Court with my co-chair Zachy. On campus, I am the President of the Jacob Hecht Pre-Law Society, the founder and captain of the YU Mock Trial Team, Resident Advisor, and a מבקש to the רבונו של העולם (striving to get closer to Hashem). I enjoy hanging in nature, working out, and pondering the universe. I think law and the ICC are a particularly good format to appreciate the global necessity, ethics, and standards of law. I am looking forward to both a fun and inspiring weekend at YUNMUN! ICC 2027 is looking to be elevated to all new heights, and it is the thoughtful discussions of the delegates that will get us there. Wishing all the YUNMUNers the best of luck, and I can't wait to see the perspectives everyone brings!!!

My name is Zachy Gross. I am from Boca Raton, Florida, and attended Katz Yeshiva High School. After graduating in 2023, I spent two years in Yeshivat Sha'alvim. Currently, I am a junior at Yeshiva College as a Lieberman Scholar at the Senator Joseph Lieberman-Mitzner Center for Public Service and Advocacy, double majoring in Political Science and History. Although this is my first year in ICC, I am all too familiar with the courtroom, serving as the

assistant captain of the YU Mock Trial team and recently serving as an intern for Justice David B. Cohen in New York City's Supreme Court with my honorable co-chair, Dovid. On campus, I serve as Editor-in-Chief of both the YU Undergraduate Law Review and The Clarion Journal of Political Science, am a member of YUPAC, and am learning מסכת שבת (Tractate Shabbat) in Rav Sobolofsky's shiur! This will be my fourth conference, having been a delegate in High School for two years, and this being my second year on the other side of the Chair. Every year, I feel that my most recent conference has become my favorite; I am looking forward to XXXVII to top my list!

Some important context: ICC operates differently from every other committee at YUNMUN. Rather than representing your assigned country, delegates will be divided between the Prosecution and Defense and will work together to prepare and litigate a criminal case before the Court. The annual case will remain confidential until the beginning of the conference, so you will not know the facts, witnesses, exhibits, or charges beforehand.

New this year: The ICC is now governed by the new YUNMUN ICC Rules of Evidence and the YUNMUN ICC Legal Authorities. In advance of the conference, you will have access to these two standing resources that govern the committee. Together, these materials provide the evidentiary, procedural, and substantive legal framework you will use once the case is released. Throughout the conference, you will analyze the record, prepare witnesses and legal arguments, respond to the Court's rulings, and ultimately conduct the final trial before the Court. **Additionally, this year's conference will include Pretrial Oral Arguments, during which each delegate will have an opportunity to argue a motion that will be revealed alongside the case.**[1] Before the conference, we strongly encourage you to carefully review both the YUNMUN ICC Rules of Evidence and the YUNMUN ICC Legal Authorities. You are not expected to predict the annual case or research outside the law. The goal is simply to arrive familiar with the framework you will be asked to use. You will arrive without knowing the facts, but you should not arrive without knowing the rules.

[1] For more details, *See* YUNMUN ICC Legal Authorities "V. Pretrial Oral Arguments" (pg. 12), or the description in the handbook.

In addition to reviewing these materials, you will also complete two topic papers before the conference. Because the ICC does not operate like a traditional YUNMUN committee, these papers are not conventional country-based position papers. Instead, they are designed to help you practice analyzing legal questions, applying relevant ICC frameworks, and developing clear, persuasive arguments before you encounter this year's case. The specific assignments and instructions will be outlined in the ICC Topic Paper.

One important note: Please make sure to properly cite any sources used in your papers and to follow the AI policy set forth in the YUNMUN Delegate Handbook.[2] We are all here to learn, challenge ourselves, and have fun—don't let Chat, Claude, or Gemini take away opportunities for you to show off the complexity and Perplexity of your own work!

Please also keep in mind that ICC delegates should be juniors, seniors, or students with relevant prior experience.

We look forward to meeting you all soon! If you have any questions, thoughts, concerns (or just want to say hi), feel free to reach out to us at zengelso@mail.yu.edu (Dovid) or zgross2@mail.yu.edu (Zachy). Looking forward to an incredible conference!

Sincerely,

Dovid Engelsohn and Zachy Gross

Co-Chairs, International Criminal Court

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[2] YUNMUN follows the YU Level 1 AI policy: "Polish, with disclosure. You may use AI to check and correct the grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and mechanics of text you have already written. AI may not generate, rewrite, or restructure your content." Please find the full AI policy guidelines in the delegate handbook.