

Public Statement of the Ibero-American Institute of The Hague on the VIII International Criminal Court Moot Court and Other Activities Scheduled for November 2020

The Ibero-American Institute of The Hague for Peace, Human Rights and International Justice (IIH) announces the decision adopted on June 1, 2020 by its Board of Directors. According to it, the VIII International Criminal Court Moot Court (Spanish version) will be limited to the presentation of written memorials. Furthermore, all activities planned for the last week of November 2020 will take place during the X Ibero-American Week of International Justice, which has been rescheduled for May 24 to June 4, 2021.

In reaching its decision, the IIH Board of Directors has taken particular account of the circumstances set forth in the IIH Communiqué dated March 11, 2020, the evolution of the covid-19 pandemic in Latin America and the European Union from that date to May 31, and the observations received in the second half of May by the advisers of the teams that have shown their interest in participating in the VIII ICC Moot Court.

The ICC Board of Directors has also adopted the following measures in relation to the VIII ICC Moot Court:

1. The teams that are interested in participating in the VIII ICC Moot Court can register by sending the registration form to cpiconcursoiih@gmail.com until September 30, 2020. The registration form can be found at: <https://www.iberoamericaninstituteofthehague.org/actividades/concurso-de-simulacion-judicial-sobre-la-cpi>.
2. All teams that participate in the VIII ICC Moot Court are exempt from paying the registration fee. Those teams that have already paid the registration fee can send in June an email to cpiconcursoiih@gmail.com to specify whether they would like to have a refund or to use the relevant amount for the payment of the registration fee of the IX ICC Moot Court (2021).
3. Given the exceptional circumstances of the VIII ICC Moot Court, the eligibility requirements to participate in it, which are contained in Rule 7(3) of the Rules of Procedure, can be met in one of the following two alternative dates: (i) April 1, 2020; or (ii) on the date in which the relevant team registers in the VIII ICC Moot Court.
4. The deadline for the submission of the written memorials of the VIII ICC Moot Court expires on October 7, 2020. The memorials will be sent to the following email address: cpiconcursoiih@gmail.com. A copy of the email with the memorials will be sent to: info@iberoamericaninstituteofthehague.org.
5. On October 8, the Organization will send the memorials to the memorial juries, who will mark them in accordance with the Rules of Procedure within three weeks.
6. As far as possible, each memorial will be marked by two memorial juries. The final score of each memorial will be the average of both marks.

7. The memorials of the three teams with a higher aggregate score will be sent to an *Ad Hoc* International Jury comprised of the following three members: (a) Judge Sylvia H. Steiner (Brazil – ICC Magistrate between 2003 and 2016), as chairwoman; and (b) two of the authors of the case of the VIII ICC Moot Court: Juan Pablo Calderón (Colombia - lawyer for the ICC Appeals Chamber) and Ricardo Izquierdo (Venezuela - legal advisor to the Coalition for the ICC). The *Ad Hoc* International Jury will decide within two weeks, in application of the evaluation criteria provided for in the Rules of Procedure, the winning team of the VIII ICC Moot Court, as well as the teams that obtain the second and third positions.

8. On November 1, 2020, the Public Announcement and the Case of the IX ICC Moot Court (2021) will be made public, and the dates of its written and oral phases will be announced. As far as possible, the oral phase of the IX ICC Moot Court will take place on May 24-28, 2021, as part of the X Ibero-American Week of International Justice, which has been rescheduled for May 24 to June 4, 2021. Nevertheless, it cannot be ruled out at this stage that it may be necessary to delay the oral phase of the IX ICC Moot Court to November 22-26, 2021.

9. Given that the VIII ICC Moot Court will not have oral hearings, all members of registered teams that meet the eligibility requirements necessary to participate in the VIII ICC Moot Court may automatically participate in the IX ICC Moot Court (2021).

10. For more information, the IIH website can be consulted or an email can be sent to: cpiconcursoiih@gmail.com.