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FOREWORD

In 2009 the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was held in The Hague for the 32nd time.

Since 1977 the format and scale of the Competition have changed dramatically. This year, the Competition received a total of 45 registrations from universities across Europe. Ultimately 25 teams from 24 European countries took part in the International Semi-Finals in The Hague. For the first time, the Finals were staged in the unique and modern setting of the Academy Hall of the Peace Palace.

The teams who took part in the Competition faced the Mare Liberum Case which involved issues of public international law, including the law of the sea, the law of treaties and international environmental law.

The Supervisory Board and the Telders Organizing Office wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors who have pledged their support to the Competition in so many ways.

The Supervisory Board would like to thank all the talented teams who have taken part in the Competition, all the erudite panelists, the members of the International Board of Review as well as the members of the jury who donated their time. Once again they made the Telders Competition a most enjoyable and edifying event!

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The first Telders Competition was organised in 1977 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Telders Student Society, which had been established in Leiden in 1947. In that year, three countries from Western Europe (France, Germany and the Netherlands) entered the Competition. The Judges were H.E. Lachs, H.E. Singh and H.E. Tarazi of the International Court of Justice.

The success of the first Telders Competition inspired the Telders Society for International Law to continue. Henceforth, a great tradition was born which lasts till this very day. The warm relations with the International Court of Justice still enable the organization to use the premises of the most important judicial organ in the world. Moreover, students from every corner of Europe have found their way to the ‘City of Peace of Justice’ that the city of The Hague has become over the years.

The success of the Competition has reached such a magnitude that it became harder for the Society to organize the event by itself. Since 2004 the management has been put in the hands of the Campus The Hague – Leiden University, which enabled its further expansion and professionalisation. We would like to thank the Telders Organizing Office for enabling students from all over Europe to meet each other and experience the legacy of Professor Telders.

The Telders Student Society for International Law
Legacy of Professor Dr. B.M. Telders (1903-1945)

The Telders International Law Moot Court Competition is named after Professor dr. Benjamin Marius Telders, who first became a professor of international law at Leiden University in 1931. Telders was extremely interested in why and how law operated. He considered international law to be a unique study and challenge, since it was—and in many respects still is—undefined and interwoven with history and politics. Professor Telders was respected for his sharp mind and frequently had the honour to represent his country, The Netherlands, before the Permanent Court of International Justice, predecessor of the International Court of Justice.

His interests and activities were not, however, limited to international law. Professor Telders was a man who enjoyed life to the full. He spent his time doing various other activities as playing the piano, editing a literary magazine and leading a political party. These other activities complemented his duties as a professor and a lawyer.

His approach to law was a practical one. Problems were meant to be solved, but not in contravention with important legal principles such as the rule of law and civil society. Professor Telders stood and fought for those principles even in the most difficult of times during the Second World War. Even being imprisoned for four and a half years did not break him morally or mentally, but made him more determined. He continued to write about international law, using a small pencil and match sticks. His fellow prisoners had great respect for his ability to put moral guidance and leadership into practice. Professor Telders died in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in April 1945.

Two years later, in 1947, former students of Professor Telders founded the Telders International Law Students Debating Society (Telders Dispuut) in commemoration of this great man. The first Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was organised in 1977 on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Telders Debating Society.

Now, 32 years later after the first competition, the Telders Moot Court continues to maintain and live up to the legacy of the learned professor of international law.
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This Tale begins not once upon the time but in the late November 2008, when the idea of participating in the Telders Moot Court Competition was born. This decision came rather late and consequently the very first deadline we had to meet was a seemingly insurmountable obstacle, we had only a few weeks to choose a team! After short period of time the team was formed: the Chosen ones were three fair ladies and a good sir.

Once elected, the team rapidly stepped up and began the research. The crew had cheerful meetings at least twice a week, for a great amount of time was lost in vain and unintentionally, we gave the other teams a head-start. The law of the sea as the central issue in the case, was a mystery for the team members, coming from a land-locked state. Consequently, there was a number of topics we knew nothing about, but this was skilfully disguised with long and inexhaustible discussions. Luckily for the crew, this was precisely what the work process required – a good debate, an exchange of thoughts and ideas on how to tackle the issues before us.

Once introduced to all relevant aspects of the law of the sea, the team, altogether with the diligent coach, began the real work. As original drafts were further developed, they began to take on the form of a Memorial. After initial problems were overcome, other hardship came rushing down, the leading one being: meeting the deadline of January the 12th. This, however, is one deadline the team did manage to meet. The memorials were wrapped up, shaped up, printed, and sent to the Netherlands. For a moment there the team was relieved…

Naturally, after exhaustion in January the team took a break, though only in order to study for our exams in February. Meanwhile, the Coach was faced with administrative demons: finding sponsors, organizing preparations for oral round, and postponing the participation fee payment deadline. This in its nature cannot be a pleasant task. Due to the patience and kindness of the TOO this was accomplished.

After the February exam season ended, the team meet up once again to begin preparations for the oral round. Meeting up to three times per week, we tried to polish our oral presentation and acquaint our selves with all the niceties and formalities of addressing The Court.

As April approached and all necessary papers and visas were collected, the team hit the road and eventually got to the Netherlands. Once there, everything was seemingly frightening at first. This was just a nervous scare that we’ll get caught by stage-fright. After couple of friendly chats with other teams, everyone was officially at ease, though.

The semi-finals were extremely pleasant. This came as something of a surprise, since we were mooting newbies, and expected a much more rigid atmosphere. During the semi-finals we met some extraordinary people from all over the Globe. In a competitive yet rather friendly mood we spent two days in the great Peace Palace, through which we walked in awe. In the competition we faced teams from Hungary, Austria, Germany and France. We couldn’t have guessed that in those rounds we’d face the finalist, and let alone be finalists.

As second day of the competition was ending, we were taken to Leiden to hear names of the finalists. Naturally, we had our favourites we’d bet on. It most certainly was not our team. Once the Mayor of Leiden explained the peculiar situation which led to our participation in the finals, we experienced something we thought was reserved for daring dreams. As it turned out we were to face the team of Austria the next day at ten o’clock – the same brilliant team we met in our first pleadings. After the initial shock, first thoughts were -Aren't we supposed to party tonight? And there was a party indeed…

Ten a.m. came and it was time for the finals. As the Academy Hall seated the audience, anxiety came crawling in. The panel of Judges was announced and awestruck with this announcement, the entire team was left speechless. Luckily, only until the round began.
Speaking in front of the esteemed Judges was scary enough, without knowing that everyone you met and saw in the previous days was behind you, interested in what you’re saying. This was not eased by the excellence with which our opponents pleaded the case. As the discussion about the case developed, all the bad emotions such as fear and anxiety were replaced with fulfilling joy of actually being part of the final and being there, in front of the microphone. This was truly a unique experience.

After the surrebuttal, everything fell into its ordinary place. Members of the Austrian team once again became the most pleasant people and not just our opponents. A group photo was taken and we forgot that we still have a road ahead of us. This feeling of burden falling off of our chest lasted however only until the entrance in the Academy hall for the ceremony.

When H.E. Judge Koroma pronounced our team’s name as the winner, we sat there in disbelief. Confused with how things developed and with what was taking place around us, we forgot to stand up and receive the Telders Cup. Many sounds surrounding us merged in the loud buzz noise. Finally, we came around and officially became winners of the Telders Moot Court Competition 2009. Funny thing is, once received the Cup, we worried about customs and whether we will have problems on the entrance to the plane. This, naturally, was not an actual problem.

The aftermath came with cocktails and party and great amount of celebration. This experience was not only challenging, daring and teaching but it appeared to be one of the most fruitful experiences of our lives if not the single most fruitful and fulfilling one.

During studies, moot court competition is a must and Telders Moot Court Competition is the right address to go to. This year’s organization was remarkable, even though we were all somewhat saddened by the fact that the finals were not held in the Great Hall of Justice.

Hereby, we would like to express our gratitude to the TOO for making it possible for all of us who were part of Telders 2009 to share this adventure as well as to greet all outstanding people we met during our stay in The Hague. This has been invaluable, breath-taking experience that only few things could possibly outshine. And that is how the Tale has ended for us – with a happy ending.
Our Experience as the FINALIST TEAM

University of Vienna Law School

A review of our team’s experiences of the 2009 Telders International Moot Court ought to begin with the award ceremony in the historic Leiden City Hall. The four team members and two coaches from the University of Vienna Law School’s team joined the other participants and judges in awaiting the announcement of this year’s final scores of the Telders International Moot Court. To our positive surprise, both the best results for the Applicant and the Respondent side were obtained by our team. In toasting to this success all of us could rejoice in the fact that after many months of enriching, insightful, hard and fun research into the depths of public international law and the fictitious Grotius Sea each team member could feel rewarded for his contribution to the team-effort.

While the University of Vienna Law School team, exceptionally, consisted entirely of male students in 2009, it was otherwise far from homogenous: our four team members and coaches could collectively communicate in six different languages and had, despite representing the University of a landlocked country, already bathed in all five world oceans. Moreover, all of us could appreciate the pleasures of sailing, fishing and an occasional sustainably procured tuna steak.

Our preparation phase was greatly aided by the experiences and intelligent guidance of our two coaches, Mr. Breitegger and Mr. Schicho, who managed, from the beginning of the Competition, to create an environment within our team which was conducive to systematic research and constant efforts throughout the difficult phase of preparing the written memorials and preparing strategies for the oral argumentation. At the end of our efforts, all of us could agree that taking part in the Telders Moot Court has contributed as much, if not more, to our legal education as the traditional classes we have had to abstain from. Thus, we think it’s important to do the utmost to spread the word about this unique international competition among our peers.

When coming to The Hague, we were impressed with the smooth organization and friendly staff of the Telders Organising Committee and the quality and diversity of the judges, the jury as well as the participants coming from 25 different universities. Despite the fact that the short four days in The Hague were filled with a competitive program, our team members did their best to divide their time equally between contributing to the proceedings as well as getting to know new friends and law students from across Europe and beyond, reserving time for sleep for the flight back home. We all left The Hague with a sincere wish to stay in touch in the future, wherever our professional and personal lives may take us.

In essence, there was something that united our team internally and that also united and continues to unite the participants of the 2009 Telders International Moot Court Competition: an appreciation of some of the crucial legal and political questions of our time and the willingness to dedicate our time and energy to pursue solutions to these questions while working together cooperatively in an international setting. From this perspective, we are all the winners of the 32nd Edition of the Telders International Law Moot Court. In conclusion, we consider this competition to have been a highly rewarding experience for us and can only wish this institution a long and successful future.
Winner BEST ORALIST AWARD
Laurens Miserus, Utrecht University

Telders 2009. I will remember this competition as the most intriguing part of my international law master programme. Participating in a moot court is an obligatory part of the curriculum and usually there are two options. You either participate in the regular moot court offered at Utrecht University or you join the Jessup moot court team - another international competition. Since I already had some in-class experience the latter seemed to me an interesting option. However, after a short interview I was not admitted - ironically perhaps? - on the Jessup team which was put together specifically with the aim of ensuring a strong oral performance.

Shortly after, I got the news that a team was being put together for Telders, which I enthusiastically joined; it was to be a long and bumpy ride. Working together on the memorial so intensely with three other students from different backgrounds, with very different characters and with such different expectations turned out to be quite the undertaking. Considering the short time-span available to complete the written submissions, there was little time to sit back and evaluate the whole proceeding. As a result, all four of us were in a state of near-desperation when the deadline approached. The horror I felt when riding home to my new apartment after finally finishing the memorial and noticing that the street parallel to mine was -- ominously - called the 'Telderslaan' is both indescribable and hard to imagine by now. In any case, the first part of the competition was over and a lot of knowledge on international law gained.

Then, after a short break, came the preparations for the oral presentations. This consisted of weekly meetings at which we discussed our arguments and at several occasions practiced the actual pleading in front of different observers. This turned out to be very useful since it really does take some time to naturally present as an agent of state with all the formalities and correct (legal) phrasing involved.

In fact, I was surprised to find that during the finals in The Hague little attention was paid to the occasional presentation given in the first person. Not knowing what to expect in advance, this was definitely a relieve. It was the single tolerated exception though. Being the last speaker on behalf of the respondent, I had plenty of time to get nervous before it was my turn. Although not always successful I made an attempt to stick to those parts of the pleadings we prepared which I knew were most solid, and above all not to be thrown off balance by the interruptions of the judges. To remain calm, answer questions appropriately, and integrate those answers in the general submission was at the same time an interesting challenge as well as the most difficult part of the pleadings.

What I was also surprised about was the fact that for a few days, judges, lawyers, and other experts of international law from all over the world had found their way to the Peace Palace as well. And not just that, they also seemed to be going out of their way to get in touch with the participating students, supporting them, discussing international law issues, or simply making small talk. Even Judge Koroma of the ICJ presided over the final round and strolled around afterwards open for a chat or to get his picture taken. I discovered that many of the judges there had participated in moot court competitions themselves at some point and felt genuinely involved. Receiving a compliment from one of these people is without a doubt the greatest award an international law student can take home from these events. To all who agree with me that bridging the gap between students of international law and (successful and inspiring) practitioners in order to give the students a push in the right direction is one of the main gains of moot court competitions, I can say that as far as I -- and with me many other participants -- am concerned, Telders 2009 was a laudable success.

As for next year, all four students from the University Utrecht team have decided to help where possible with setting up another Telders team. Perhaps it'll help other students enjoy the same experience we've had.
I believe it will suffice to mention my fellow team members only shortly, for everyone ever having participated in a similar event will know exactly what I mean when I say that without them it had been impossible for me to still be standing after the spitfire of sarcastic comments, jokes that somehow were questions, and cunning attempts at tricking us into pleading against our own case that we got from the benches. Sabin Dragoman, Nanette Boers and Disa Jironet Loewe, thank you so very much for this experience.

Winner of the EUROCONTROL AWARD Best Memorial for the Respondent

University of Bucharest

Winning the EUROCONTROL Award meant a lot to our team. It was, in fact, the reflection of a fortunate mixture of our team members’ qualities: determination, originality, hard work and, perhaps the most important, loads of enthusiasm. Friendship was the bond between all these. The team was born gradually – first, our coach, Lorena Enache, a former participant to moot court competitions, thought about two students with experience in moot courts who could bring this advantage into the team: Adina Raducanu and Selena Stan. Then, two other well-prepared students were added to complete a balanced and ambitious quartet: Ruxandra Frangeti and Adrian Rusu. From this moment on we acted as a team and worked together under the careful scrutiny of our coach, who guided us all the way to the final round.

Our first goal was to know each other – with our qualities and flaws as well, to understand what each member could bring into the team and how we could combine pleasure with hard work. The next step required a thorough study of the case and collective brainstorming. After we had a clue what the case was about, we started the frantic search for useful materials. Then came those long sleepless nights, so familiar to any experienced mooter, when we had to somehow summarize, synthesize and harmonize thousands of pages of legal documents, judgments and “the teachings of the most highly qualified publicists” and come up with 25 pages of written arguments.

The national round was a cornerstone for us – the session of exams was barely over when we had to start rehearsing our pleadings. However, we were resolved to jump this hurdle in order to continue the race. Our efforts paid off and just one month before the final round we could finally book our tickets for The Hague. Pleading at the Peace Palace was an amazing experience and the great memories connected with this place and with the people we met there – participants, judges, organizers – will haunt us for many years from now on. But in the end, what we find most important is that we will always look back in joy at the never-ending meetings at the University, when, behind closed doors, we played at turns the role of an agent in front of the International Court of Justice. We will also smile nostalgically at our little clashes regarding the nature of straddling fish or the role of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, while we will have a good laugh at our heated debates on the pronunciation of “Abundatia Ridge”.

For us, the road to Telders has represented all these together. The satisfaction of winning the EUROCONTROL Award was undeniably huge, but what we are most happy for is that the basis of this prize lies not only in hard work and ambition, but, overall, in friendship.
Winner of the BEST JUDGE AWARD

Marc Steiner

From 16-18 April 2009, I had the great honour of participating as one of the (fictional) Judges of the semi-finals of the 32nd Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, (for once not) taking place in the Peace Palace in The Hague. It was my eighth year of judging in the Competition, so I'm comparatively a novice (also showing in terms of age).

Remarkable about Telders (also compared to some other Moot Courts) is – despite the necessary urge to win – the spirit of common enrichment and not of rude competition in a way well-known by young associates in law firms. This might be partly due to the fact that public international law specially attracts old-fashioned or should I say avantgarde idealists, what entails a particular vibe. The wonderful results are long lasting friendships, lots of fun and a lively atmosphere.

The 2009 Competition involved teams from 25 universities in 24 European countries, each of them arguing in their oral pleadings about the legal position in a complex and interesting fictional dispute, this year regarding the case "concerning sovereignty over Abundantia Ridge and other matters", opposing the States of Rosmarus and Urusus. To me this case was certainly as particular as to the students since I'm not exactly – how could I as a Swiss? – a downright maritime law specialist and UNCLOS-fanatic. Fortunately some questions about the interpretation of treaties arose, especially concerning the famous "Treaty of friendship" between Rosmarus and Urusus, which gave me the feeling of save ground.

Once more this year's Competition proved first of all how fascinating meeting people from all over the world with various backgrounds can be, assuring stimulating discussions. Secondly, I get every year again the feeling of contributing to the building of next generations' Europe. I'm still overwhelmed the same way as I was ten years ago looking at the great effort universities from "Eastern" European Countries undertake to enable the participation of its team and how astonishing their performance is, especially this year!

I'm convinced that the 32nd Telders Law Moot Court Competition has once more provided promising young layers with excellent training and experience that will – to quote professor Steven Freeland, winner of the best judge award 2008 – be essential for them to deal with the inevitable legal challenges of the 21st century. I'm sure to speak for all of the fiction and real Judges in saying that it was a real pleasure to be involved in this Competition, and wishing all of the participating students every success in their career as well as in their private future. Let me close with a warm thank to all very committed people in the Telders Organizing Office and everyone else contributing to this wonderful event.
Winner of the STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS AWARD

The Honorable Society of the Kings Inns

This was the first time which The Honorable Society of the Kings Inns entered this competition. We as a team, did not have international law experience and never mooted internationally before. We entered in trepidation, not knowing what to expect. It turned out to be a wonderful experience, from the moment the competition started on the Wednesday to the final on the Saturday.

The competition was superbly organised. The organising team listened to all our naive queries with patience and assisted us where they could. Whether this was in relation to the competition itself or more importantly, where to enjoy ourselves.

Furthermore, the competition afforded us the opportunity to meet with students from universities all over Europe. Dining and socialising together, we exchanged ideas, experiences, thoughts on International law and of course email addresses. This greatly added to the spirit of friendship which the competition creates.

Receiving this award from our fellow students was a great honour, one which we really cherish. All we can say is thank you to our fellow competitors and thank you to Telders for doing such a superb job. We will sing the praises of this competition to anyone who will listen, probably not many as no one likes to listen to a lawyer. Hopefully more Irish universities will enter the national rounds in future years.

Thank you once again for a great experience and for giving us the opportunity of meeting so many other students.
## FINAL RESULTS 2009

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