

SCHOOL OF LAW - MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY

PRESENTS

1ST MU INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

1ST TO 3RD
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ABOUT MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY

Mahindra University is a multidisciplinary institution in India committed to nurturing future leaders. Its curriculum combines academic rigour with industry relevance, focusing on engineering, business, and law. With a strong emphasis on experiential learning, it offers industry internships, global immersion programs, and research opportunities, fostering holistic development and innovation.

Mahindra University signifies Global Thinkers and Engaged Leaders. The professionals who think how the world is for them and others and how to make it a better place through positive engagement. Further who embodies the Mahindra Rise spirit of Accepting No Limits, Driving Positive Change and Alternative thinking.

The University is committed to educating future citizens for and of a better world. We aim at balancing education with experience through entrepreneurial projects to solve complex challenges facing society.



ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

“Jnaanaarthe Pravesha, Sevaarthe Prasthana” is an Upanishad sermon that means enter an institution with the sole purpose of securing knowledge and exit only to serve the society. The School of Law, Mahindra University, commenced in September 2021, is a new temple of law learning in Hyderabad, founded on the philosophy of securing justice, equality and service to all sections of society.

The School of law supports the students with a well-equipped library with an excellent collection of titles, online, offline databases and other required resources.

Dean Prof. Dr. V. Balakista Reddy is a renowned academician and expert in the field of International Law. He is committed to making learning a pleasant process and encourages students to make a difference in the legal profession and practice. The dean provides a diverse and flexible curriculum and pedagogy to the students. With the ever-changing needs of society, the importance of the discipline of law is developing and gaining focus and influencing the thought process of society for its healthy growth.



ABOUT THE CAMPUS

Nestled in a sprawling 300-acre campus filled with lush greenery, Mahindra University (MU) provides students with a world-class infrastructure designed to enable a stimulating and fulfilling academic journey.

MU aims not just to impart outstanding education to its students, but also to provide an unparalleled campus experience geared for their holistic development. To this end, MU offers extensive facilities spanning academics, sports, hospitality, healthcare, and vibrant student life. The campus includes state-of-the-art instruction spaces like multimedia classrooms fitted with smart-boards, well-equipped specialized labs for practical learning, seminar halls that promote discussions, a fully-equipped moot court hall allowing students to gain hands-on experience and an e-library granting access to global digital resources 24/7. World-class sports infrastructure allows sports enthusiasts to train in cricket, football, basketball, tennis, athletics and more. Mahindra University aspires to nurture well-rounded, socially responsible professionals and life-long learners. Its extensive cutting-edge facilities, vibrant student life ecosystem, and commitment to pursuing excellence make MU the perfect launchpad for students to gain profound domain understanding and explore their passions.



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

It is with great honor that we announce the inaugural Mahindra University International Moot Court Competition with a focus on the intersection of technology and international law scheduled from March 1st to 3rd, 2024, at the School of Law campus in Hyderabad. This prestigious annual event marks the international expansion of Mahindra Law School's flagship national moot court.

For the international edition, we look forward to welcoming teams from law schools across the globe to promote fruitful academic debate around evolving areas of law. Participants will have the opportunity to network with leading legal experts including practitioners, professors and professionals serving as competition judges. With the International Moot Court, the School of Law continues its legacy of fostering scholarship and professional excellence amongst the next generation of lawyers and judges. We eagerly anticipate exceptional talent and competitive spirit at this event.

The Competition's central objective is to equip future legal professionals with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the dynamic legal landscape, including research, analysis, writing, and oral advocacy. By providing a platform for discourse and practical application of legal theory, the Competition seeks to cultivate a new generation of legal scholars and practitioners who can adapt to the evolving legal landscape and rise to the challenges of the future.



IMPORTANT DATES



AWARDS



₹ 1,00,000

+ 6 MONTHS EBC READER SUBSCRIPTION
+ 1 YEAR ACCESS TO EBC LEARNING

WINNING TEAM



RUNNERS - UP

₹ 70,000

+ 6 MONTHS
EBC READER SUBSCRIPTION



BEST SPEAKER

₹ 20,000

+ 6 MONTHS
EBC READER SUBSCRIPTION



**BEST
RESEARCHER**

₹ 20,000

+ 6 MONTHS
EBC READER SUBSCRIPTION



**BEST
MEMORIAL**

₹ 20,000

+ 6 MONTHS
EBC READER SUBSCRIPTION

ONE MONTH ACCESS TO SCC ONLINE WEB EDITION TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FORM

Universities interested in reserving a slot for their team can register their university with the organizing university through the Google form:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

CLARIFICATION FORM

The participants seeking clarification on the Moot Proposition can contact the organizing university through the Google form:

[CLICK HERE](#)

COMPETITION RULE BOOK

RULE – 1

DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 *Advanced Round:*** Shall refer to the Final Round, Semi-Final Rounds and Quarter-Final Rounds of the Competition.
- 1.2 *Applicant/Respondent:*** Shall refer to the side that argues on behalf of the Applicant/Respondent at any given point in the competition.
- 1.3 *Bench Memorandum:*** This shall refer to the law, issues, and authorities pertaining to the Competition problem that the University created specifically for the Competition judges to use.
- 1.4 *Competition*** – Shall refer to the School of Law, Mahindra University 1st International Moot Court Competition, 2024 (abbreviated as 1st MUIMCC). The competition consists of memorial rounds, researchers' tests and oral rounds.
- 1.5 *Competition Rules or Rules:*** These shall refer to the regulations mentioned below as well as any further announcements regarding the competition that may be made by the Secretariat or the Organizing University.
- 1.6 *Clarifications:*** Shall refer to the proposition's clarification and revisions as published in compliance with **Rule 9**.
- 1.7 *Ex-parte round:*** Shall refer to a round of oral arguments wherein only one party makes the submission of their pleadings in the absence of the opposite party.
- 1.8 *Memorial:*** This shall refer to the written arguments submitted by each team, on behalf of both the parties, submitted according to the rules.
- 1.9 *Memorial Evaluators:*** Shall refer to the evaluators who will be in charge of evaluating the memorials that the teams have turned in.
- 1.10 *Memorial Score:*** The evaluator(s) will assign a score to each team's memorial. And the evaluator will evaluate the Memorial as per the criterion provided under **Sub Rule 7.1**.
- 1.11 *Moot Proposition:*** Shall refer to the official hypothetical case study of the Competition released by the organizing university.

1.12 Oral Rounds: Shall refer to a team's oral arguments made before the judges on behalf of one of the parties against another team that is representing the other party. There are two types of oral rounds in the competition: preliminary rounds and advanced rounds.

1.13 Organizing Committee: Shall refer to the committee appointed for the administration, and conduction of the Competition, as notified by the Organising University.

1.14 Organising University: Shall mean School of Law, Mahindra University.

1.15 Parties: Shall refer to the parties in dispute as the Informant/Appellant and Opposing Party/Respondent, as mentioned in the moot proposition.

1.16 Preliminary Rounds: Shall refer to the Oral Rounds of the Competition, which will be held prior to the Advanced Rounds in order to determine the teams that will qualify for the advanced rounds.

1.17 Rebuttals: Shall refer to the arguments presented by the Applicant in response to the Respondent's submissions at the end of the main pleadings of all the oralists

1.18 Round Score: Every team will be assessed based on two criteria:

a) **Memorial Score, and**

b) **Score in the Oral Rounds.**

1.19 Sur-rebuttal: Shall refer to the defence presented by the Respondent to the rebuttals as defined in **Sub-Rule 1.17.**

1.20 Team Code: Shall refer to the code assigned to each participating team post-registration.

RULE – 2

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

2.1 The Competition is open to all the students currently enrolled in LL.B. Undergraduate Degree Courses or LL.M. Postgraduate Degree Courses across the world.

2.2 More than one team from one institution/university cannot register for the competition.

RULE – 3

TEAM COMPOSITION

- 3.1 Each team shall comprise a maximum of three (3) members wherein two (2) members shall perform the role of a speaker, and one (1) member shall perform the role of a researcher.
- 3.2 Teams have the option to take part even in the absence of a researcher. But one of the other two team members needs to present themselves for the Researcher Test.
- 3.3 The substitution of any Team Member is not allowed after the registration deadline except in special circumstances and only with permission of the Organizing Committee.
- 3.4 A researcher may be allowed to make oral submissions in oral rounds instead of a speaker only with the permission of the Organizing Committee.

RULE – 4

TEAM REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The deadline for the completion of the registration formalities is **15th January 2024** (23:59 I.S.T). The competition registration period will open on **14th December 2023**.
- 4.2 Interested teams must register for the Competition by filling out the online Registration Form. The Registration form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/cy7LLxDEBU6ZWaT56>
- 4.3 While filling out the online Registration Form, the teams must choose a primary point of contact. All communications concerning the Competition will be sent from the official email ID to the primary contact person, who will be responsible for conveying all relevant information to the participating team. The Organizers will not take any responsibility in case of non-conveyance of any relevant information by the primary contact person to their own team.
- 4.4 All the teams are required to pay a registration fee of Eight Thousand Rupees Only (Rs.8000/-) or Ninety-Six Dollars Only (\$96).
Inclusions: Accommodation shall be provided at the University hostel/guest house. Participants shall follow University Hostel Rules while staying at the hostel/guest house. Male and female students are accommodated in different hostels/guest houses at the University Campus. The University Campus will serve all meals during the competition.

4.5 The registration fee must be paid either through RTGS/NEFT/IMPS. The Bank details are as follows –

Account Holder's Name	Mahindra University
Bank Name	ICICI Bank
Account No.	404101000071
IFSC Code	ICIC0004041
Type of Account	Savings
Branch Name	Tech. Mahindra Bahdurpally Village Rangareddy District, Hyderabad - 500043



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Open any UPI app > Select TAP TO PAY > Scan QR CODE > Enter Amount

4.6 The teams are required to submit the scanned copies of the following documents at the time of registration:

- A letter of authorization from the relevant accredited institution allowing the team to participate in the competition.
- Receipt of the online payment.
- Any ID issued by the government in which the university is located (or) ID provided by the Participant's Recognized Institution.

RULES REGARDING MEMORIALS

5.1 Submission of Memorials:

- 5.1.1** Every team which has successfully registered for the Competition is required to prepare memorials from both the sides:
- i. Memorial on behalf of the Applicant.
 - ii. Memorial on behalf of the Respondent.
- 5.1.2** A penalty shall be imposed for any submission made after the specified deadline as per **Sub-Rule 6.1**. Memorials submitted 12 hours beyond the deadline specified shall not be evaluated.
- 5.1.3** All memorials submitted shall be considered final. No re-submission of the memorial will be allowed. Any late submissions made after the prescribed time will bear a penalty of 1 Mark for delay in each hour as mentioned under **Clause 6.1**.
- 5.1.4** After the completion of the Competition, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to use the memorials as they deem appropriate.
- 5.1.5** All teams are required to compulsorily submit **10 hard copies** of each Memorial to the Organizers at the time of their registration at the venue. The teams are also required to submit hard copies of memorials as and when mentioned by the Moot Court Committee in the brochure. The hard copies must be identical to the soft copies.
- 5.1.6** Each participating team shall prepare a memorial from the Applicant's and the Respondent's side. Each team must attach a copy of memorials for each side in both word doc (.docx) and PDF (.pdf) format in the Google form link, which will be provided to all the participants post-registration. Team Codes will also be provided to all the teams post-registration.
- 5.1.7** All four submissions (two .docx and two .pdf) shall be submitted in a single form submission.

5.2 Formatting Guidelines for Memorial:

- 5.2.1** All soft copies of the submitted Memorials must be submitted in Microsoft Word Document format (.doc/.docx) and PDF format (.pdf).
- 5.2.2** Memorials must be named as per the team code. [For ex: Applicant’s Memorial of Team Code 5 should be named as ‘5-A’ and Respondent’s/Defendant’s Memorial of Team Code 5 should be named as 5-R/5-D]. The memorials should not consist of any personal information about the participants.
- 5.2.3** Cover Page of the Applicant’s side Memorial should be Blue and the Defendant’s side Memorial should be Red.
- 5.2.4** *All the memorials shall be in English language.*
- 5.2.5** Each Memorial must not exceed 40 pages. The Arguments Advanced must not exceed 25 pages. Violations of this clause will be subject to sanction by penalty points as per **Sub-Rule 6.1** of this Rule.
- 5.2.6** Each participating team is required to prepare a memorial for each party to the dispute with the following mandatory heads:

Sl. No.	Heads
1.	Cover Page
2.	Table of Contents
3.	Index of Authorities
4.	Statement of Jurisdiction
5.	Statement of Facts (not exceeding 2 pages)
6.	Issues Raised
7.	Summary of Arguments (not exceeding 2 pages)
8.	Arguments Advanced (not exceeding 25 pages)
9.	Prayer (not exceeding 1 page)

5.2.7 The cover page must consist of:

- The Cover page of the Memorial must contain the team code in the upper right-hand corner, followed by an 'A' for the Applicants Memorial or a 'R5' for the Respondent's Memorial.
- The name of the forum resolving the dispute.
- The name of the Competition
- The Cause Title.
- The party on behalf of which the memorial is prepared.
- Names of participants, names of institutions shall not appear on or within the Memorials. Non-compliance to the same will lead to disqualification as determined by the organizing committee.

5.2.8 All parts of the memorial should be submitted in A-4 format with the following specifications:

Font Style	Times New Roman
Font Size	12 for all parts of the Memorial except Cover Page
Line Spacing	1.5
Footnote Font Style	Times New Roman
Footnote Font Size	10
Footnote Line Spacing	Single
Footnote Citation Style	Bluebook 21 st Edition
Margin	1 inch for all sides.

5.2.9 The memorials shall undergo plagiarism test with appropriate software. Permissible limit for plagiarism is 25%.

5.2.10 Teams may prepare a compendium of cases that shall not be part of memorial or be perused for evaluation purposes.

RULE – 6

PENALTIES

6.1 Below is the list of penalties for violation of certain rules which are subject to changes as per the respective authority.

Sl. No.	Criterion of Violation	Penalty
1.	Breach of Memorial Confidentiality	Disqualification
2.	Late Submission	1 Mark (each memorial), for every hour after the deadline
3.	Failure to comply with Formatting Guidelines	0.5 Mark per violation, with a maximum of 5 Marks per memorial
4.	Failure to comply with Citation Style	5 marks (one-time penalty)
5.	Exceeding the page limit of the Memorial	1 Mark per extra page

SCORING CRITERIA

7.1 Memorial Scoring Criteria

Sl. No.	Criterion	Marks
1.	Knowledge of Facts & Law	20
2.	Proper & Articulate Analysis	20
3.	Extent & Use of Research	20
4.	Clarity & Organization	20
5.	Style, Formatting, Grammar & Citation	20

7.2 Oral Rounds Score Sheet Criterion

Sl. No.	Criterion	Marks
1.	Knowledge of the Law	20
2.	Application of Law to the Facts	20
3.	Ingenuity & Ability to Answer the Questions	20
4.	Style, Poise, Courtesy & Demeanour	20
5.	Organization & Time Management	20

FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

8.1 The Moot Court Competition shall consist of Preliminary Rounds, and Advanced Rounds. Each team will make their oral submissions in two (2) preliminary rounds, one from each party. Qualified teams for advanced rounds would argue from one side in each round.

8.2 The evaluation of the memorials shall be made as per **Sub-Rule 7.1**. The last date for submitting the Memorial is **25th January 2024 (23:59 I.S.T)**.

8.3 Researcher's Test

Researcher's Test shall be conducted by the Organizing Committee to adjudge the "Best Researcher" on **1st March 2023**. The speaker shall not be eligible to participate in the test.

8.4 Oral Rounds

8.4.1. The mode of communication for the Moot Court Competition shall be in English only.

8.4.2 The participants must be dressed in formal attire (Preferably in Black Blazer)

8.4.3 The competing teams in Preliminary Rounds shall be determined on the basis of the draw of lots.

8.4.4 The team with a higher number of Round Score in a round will be deemed to have won a round.

In case of a tie in the number of wins of teams, the team with the higher number of Round Marks will proceed to the Advanced Rounds.

8.4.5 For the Preliminary Round, thirty (30) minutes will be allotted to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than twenty (20) minutes. Each team is required to reserve five (5) minutes for rebuttals, and surrebuttals out of the thirty (30) minutes.

For the Advanced Rounds, each team will be allotted a total of forty-five (45) minutes to present their arguments. No speaker shall be allowed to present their arguments for more than twenty-five (25) minutes. Each team is required to reserve five (5) minutes for rebuttals, and surrebuttals out of the thirty (30) minutes.

RULE – 9

CLARIFICATIONS

9.1 The last date for submitting clarifications to the Moot Proposition is on or before **5th January 2023 (23:59 IST)**.

9.2 All such requests must be submitted through the Google form only.

9.3 The request for clarifications should be clear and related to the facts of the case.

9.4 Clarifications sought by the participants shall be notified to the primary contact person by 10th January 2023.

RULE – 10

AWARDS**10.1**

S. NO.	MENTIONS	AWARDS
1.	Winning Team	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 1 Lakh + 6 Months EBC Reader Subscription +1 year access to EBC Learning
2.	Runners-Up	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 70,000 + 6 Months EBC Reader Subscription
3.	Best Speaker	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000 + 6 Months EBC Reader Subscription
4.	Best Researcher	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000 + 6 Months EBC Reader Subscription
5.	Best Memorial	Trophy + Cash Prize of Rs. 20,000 + 6 Months EBC Reader Subscription
6.	All Participating Teams	Certificate of Participation + 1 month access to SCC Online Web Edition to all the participants.

DISCLAIMER

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify any rule of the competition as per its sole discretion.

MOOT PROPOSITION

IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

State of MAMALAND v. Republic of MEMELAND

(Case concerning new technologies developed by private actors of a State and how these new technologies are used as weapons of mass destruction against another State.)

FACTS OF THE CASE

REPUBLIC OF MEMELAND (hereinafter MEMELAND) is a technologically advanced country and a pioneer in artificial intelligence (AI), robotics and cybersecurity. MEMELAND is also known for its space activities and continues to invest in space exploration by sending satellites using spacecrafts developed by private companies registered in MOONLAND, notably, GALACTICZ. GALACTICZ is a spacecraft manufacturer, launch service provider, defence contractor and satellite communications company. It has launched several satellites for communications, earth observation, defence, navigation etc.

BratApp is an instant messaging and voice-over-IP services company fully owned by HETA, a company registered in MOONLAND. It allows users to send text, voice messages and video messages, make voice and video calls, and share images, videos, documents, user locations, and other content. BratApp has 20 million users in MEMELAND and a growing customer base of around 5 million users outside of MEMELAND. With a population of over 45 million, the global user data collected by BratApp is shared and stored with its parent company (HETA).

STATE OF MAMALAND (hereinafter MAMALAND) is a neighbouring country of MEMELAND with a population of 10 million. With the growing consumer demand and increasing threat of cyber warfare, MAMALAND is constantly upgrading their physical and digital infrastructure to ensure that its citizens are safe and secure. MAMALAND made several agreements with countries, including, MEMELAND to launch satellites for Earth Observation activities, specifically, with GALACTICZ for satellite broadband services. The citizens of MAMALAND also use BratApp services and their data is collected and stored with its parent company (HETA).

Mr. Yoda is a popular politician and is in the governing party with a huge fan base in MEMELAND and abroad as well. On 10th October 2023, a video of Mr. Yoda was circulated on BratApp, where the content of his speech instigated hate against a specific ethnic group. This led to widespread violence between the two ethnic groups in the country, and later, media reported that, due to the

hate speech of Mr. Yoda, violence erupted in the border villages between MEMELAND and MAMALAND. MEMELAND ordered BratApp, with immediate effect, to take down the video and instructed the company to investigate further. Mr. Yoda was shocked to learn about the video and has clarified that it is not him and it is a deep fake of him. Mr. Yoda accused BratApp of posting the content and questioned how BratApp takes down content and the reporting of deep fakes by platforms.

MEMELAND acted by issuing an advisory to social media intermediaries that *'intermediaries should observe due diligence, including ensuring the rules and regulations, privacy policy or user agreement and inform users not to host any content that impersonates another person'*. The Government advisory also included that *'an intermediary shall, within 24 hours from the receipt of a complaint in relation to any content in the nature of impersonation in an electronic form, including artificially morphed images of such individual, take all measures to remove or disable access to such content'*.

At the same time, MAMALAND accused MEMELAND of not monitoring the situation and demanded for immediate arrest of Mr. Yoda; and no action was taken against the intermediaries as they failed to act to remove any misinformation. Under the laws of MAMALAND, *'it is a legal obligation for online platforms to prevent the spread of misinformation by any user and further mandates to remove such content immediately'*.

As tensions escalated due to the delay in action by MEMELAND, a terrorist organisation banned by MAMALAND that calls itself "FREEDOM WARRIORS" carried out terrorist attacks on MEMELAND. FREEDOM WARRIORS had operated a cyber-attack on MEMELAND's satellite communications services provided by GALACTICZ. The CEO of GALACTICZ, Ms. Leki, decided unilaterally to shut down the satellites providing information to MAMALAND and acknowledged that *'it is getting harder to defend against cyberattacks & jamming'*, and further clarified that the company *'had never thought that these civilian satellites could be used in the front lines'*.

MEMELAND in retaliation went to war against MAMALAND where it believed FREEDOM WARRIORS were hiding. AI-controlled weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) were deployed, and the international community immediately raised objections to the actions of MEMELAND. The concern from Nations around the world and other international organisations is that, *'AI-controlled WMDs may misinterpret data, misidentify targets, or respond to false positives, leading to unintended harm to civilians or infrastructure. Additionally, the deployment of AI-controlled WMDs in conflicts can escalate tensions and provoke retaliation, potentially leading to an uncontrollable arms race'*.

MEMELAND also learned that FREEDOM WARRIORS are also responsible for the deep fake of Mr. Yoda, as they attacked the network of BratApp and hacked the data of BratApp from the data centre located in the parent company (HETA) in MOONLAND.

MEMELAND considered this an act of war by MAMALAND and instructed GALACTICZ to shut down all satellite communication channels. MEMELAND took this decision as it was clear that GLACTICZ platform has been “exceptionally effective on the battlefield”, as many systems use the antennas, use the GLACTICZ systems themselves, for communications, for drone transmissions, especially in terms of a remote command post and so on... As per the laws of MEMELAND, closure of communication is legitimate as the State has the right to regulate all the telecom and satellite companies in case of national security or in the interest of public safety.

MEMELAND in its self-defence attacked MAMALAND, who was totally unprepared. This shutting down of the information systems, including the satellite-based information, had driven MAMALAND to complete closure and chaos. In addition, the use of AI-controlled WMDs caused extensive death and destruction of the lives of more than 10,000 people, including the most vulnerable groups namely women, children and the elderly. Added to this, the civilians in MAMALAND were left with no food, no drinking water, or any means of communication.

MAMALAND requested the help of the international community and filed a case in the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

CLAIMS BY PARTIES

MAMALAND claims:

- MAMALAND accuses MEMELAND of war crimes and attack on sovereignty, destruction and death.
- MEMELAND has interfered and put pressure on GALACTICZ not to provide communication services to MAMALAND. MAMALAND also accuses GALACTICZ of deliberately shutting down the satellite services and causing immeasurable human tragedy.
- MAMALAND accuses BratApp of a data breach as it regards the the transfer of their citizen’s data to a third country, which is against the terms of the agreement between MAMALAND and MOONLAND.
- MAMALAND accuses Mr. Yoda of instigating hate against a specific ethnic group. MAMALAND also seeks compensation from MEMELAND as no standards are set in place against intermediaries/online platforms when there is miscommunication and deepfakes.

- MEMELAND has not allowed humanitarian aid into their country. MAMALAND claims the breach of international humanitarian law and the outer space treaties.

MEMELAND claims:

- MEMELAND acted in self-defence and the actions are in response to the attacks by FREEDOM WARRIORS based in MAMALAND.
- MEMELAND accuses MAMALAND of cyberattack on their communication satellites by interference, eavesdropping, injection attacks and unanticipated third-party use of data, for instance, creating miscommunication and deepfakes using AI technologies.
- MEMELAND acted immediately to take down the online content, once it was made aware that it was an AI deepfake. MEMELAND actions are fully in compliance with the applicable domestic laws.
- MEMELAND claims no breach of human rights law and no breach of international humanitarian law, as it has notified MAMALAND and the international community about the attacks in retaliation and in self-defence.

ISSUES BEFORE THE COURT

- 1) Whether the International Court of Justice has jurisdiction to hear the dispute between the parties?
- 2) Is the State responsible for the terrorist attacks, including, cyber warfare on another State when the terrorist organisation is known internationally and is banned from the country?
- 3) Does the act of MEMELAND amount to self-defence or is it considered as Use of Force? If self-defence, is it proportionate or in violation of the principles of sovereignty?
- 4) With advanced technologies (autonomous drones, killer robots, and other AI WMDs) that have a reach beyond borders and are faceless/autonomous, should a State continue to be held accountable and responsible for the actions of individuals or commercial enterprises such as Mr. Yoda, GALACTICZ and BratApp?
- 5) Is there a breach of the cardinal rules of international humanitarian law and human rights law as State(s) have committed a war of aggression and genocide?
- 6) What reparation could be proportional to the gravity of the violations and the harm suffered by a State?

Annexure-1: Applicable Sources of International Law

- Charter of the United Nations
- Convention (IV) respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land and its annex: Regulations concerning the Laws and Customs of War on Land (1907) (Hague Regulations), Regulation 42
- Customary International Law
- Draft articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, with commentaries (2001)
- Draft articles on the effects of armed conflicts on treaties, with commentaries (2011)
- Draft Articles on the Law of Treaties (1966) With Commentaries
- Guidelines on the Long-term Sustainability of Outer Space, 2019
- International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (API), Arts. 1, 3-4, 44-45, 48-52, 54-55, 57-58, 60, 69-70, 85-86
- Statute of the International Court of Justice
- The Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, 1979
- The Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space, 1968
- The Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects (Liability Convention), 1972
- The Convention on Registration of Objects Launched into Outer Space (Registration Convention), 1976
- The Fourth Geneva Convention, relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (1949) (GCIV), Arts. 33, 47, 49, 51-53, 55-56, 59-60, 76, 79-88
- The Third Geneva Convention (GCIII), relative to the treatment of prisoners of war (1949), Arts. 3-4, 21-24, 49-57
- Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and other Celestial Bodies (Outer Space Treaty or OST), 1967
- UN General Assembly Resolutions:
 - 3281 (XXIX) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (1974)
 - 60/147, Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law (2005)
- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

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