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Moot Court Competition

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I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1

Italian is the language of the competition.

Art. 2

Students group into teams composed by two to five components. Attending students only will be allowed to participate. In view of the given case, and following a public draw, every team shall maintain legal arguments on behalf of the assigned side.

Art. 3

The moot court competition follows a two steps-procedure.

a) Pre-trial: Writing of a paper on the assigned case, followed by the exchange of papers by the teams and the deposit of the papers with the Judicial Panel within the due terms.

b) Trial: Oral discussion, in which each team argues its own reasons and replies to counter claims of the adverse team.

At the end of the oral discussion the Judicial Panel declares the winner, according to the criteria set forth in Art. 8 of this Regulation.

II – PRE-TRIAL: WRITTEN PAPERS

Art. 4

Every written paper should not exceed globally 10 pages of length.

The deposit of the paper with the Judicial Panel and the exchange between the teams – which will be performed by the Judicial Panel – shall be made through e-mail (dircomp@units.it).

Art. 5

Papers must be written in "Word" format files. It is also suggested the use of:

- a) the Times New Roman font, 14 pts.;
- b) the justified paragraph;
- c) the 1,5 line spacing.

The names of the participants to the team must be mentioned at the bottom of the written paper.

III – TRIAL: ORAL DISCUSSION

Art. 6

All the members of each team must take part to the oral discussion.

In every moment the Judicial Panel can interrupt the speaker to ask questions to her/him, to the other components of her/his team or to the components of the opposite team.

Art. 7

The Judicial Panel gives every team the same amount of time to spend for the oral discussion. As a matter of principle half of the time should be use for the presentation of the team's own legal reasons and the other half to rebut the opponents' arguments.

If necessary, the Judicial Panel can assign extra-time to clarify legal issues.

IV – EVALUATION CRITERIA

Art. 8

The papers and the oral discussion will be assessed according to the following criteria: a) clearness and order of exposure; b) technical language mastery; c) pertinence and logic of the argumentation; and – with regard to the Trial Stage only – d) appropriateness of the discussion of both the opponent team's claims and the legal issues raised by the Judicial Panel.