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## 1 Review and Editing Process

After you have submitted a revised and updated version of your contribution, it will be **reviewed by the editors and**, depending on the scope of the changes, it may be **peer-reviewed by one or two external reviewers**. You may then be asked to revise your contribution in light of the reviewers' comments.

The article should be written in clear and accessible language, in a tone suitable for academic publication. The language of the Encyclopedia is British English. Authors whose mother tongue is not English are strongly urged to have a native speaker check their manuscript prior to submission.

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MPEPIL articles combine elements of a reference work with a law journal approach. Thus,

- the main body of the text should clearly state all the facts pertaining to the topic and cover the issue comprehensively yet succinctly. Technical terms that are specific to your topic need to be defined. In the case of controversial subjects, the different arguments should be presented in an elaborate and sufficiently distant manner so as to fairly cover the various and possibly diverging perspectives on the issue.
- In a brief concluding section, authors express their own scholarly assessment on the matter, present future perspectives, and elaborate the topic's overall relevance to the development of international law.

## **3 Track Changes**

Please use the Track Changes mode while revising your article.

## **4 Original Content Stipulation**

Authors are invited to write entries specifically because their previous work has been recognized for its excellent coverage of a given topic. Please note, however, that the publisher, OUP, and the editors require that the text of the manuscripts written for the MPEPIL is original.

## **5 Verifiability**

We apply a high standard concerning the verifiability of the Encyclopedia's contents. All quotes and factual statements need to be backed up by complete references (including page or paragraph numbers) to reliable sources. Do not summarily refer to certain books or authors, and do not use phrases such as 'it has been said', 'some argue that', 'it seems that'.

## **6 Length**

The length of a contribution is calculated according to its number of words (excluding references sections).

Authors will receive guidance from the editors indicating the size of their updated contribution. They are required to respect the recommended word limit.

## **7 Numbered Paragraphs and Subheadings**

Divide the text into numbered paragraphs, and include subheadings where needed. The order of sublevels is A., B., C., D., ...; 1., 2., 3., 4., ...; (a), (b), (c), (d), ...; (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), ....

## **8 Abbreviations**

Abbreviations need to be introduced, then used consistently throughout the text.

Please use the full name of an organization, treaty, etc. the first time it is mentioned in the article, followed by an abbreviation in parentheses and single quotation marks, e.g., International Monetary Fund ('IMF').

Use full stops when using the following common Latin abbreviations: e.g., i.e., etc., ff., et seq., ibid., cf.

Use the fully written words (Article, paragraph, section, etc.) when citing directly in the sentence, and only use the following abbreviated forms when citing in parentheses:

Article	paragraph	volume	edition	editor	section	number	versus
Art	para	vol	edn	ed	no abbreviation	No	v
Arts	paras	vols		eds		Nos	

Write: Article 17(3) TEU (not: Article 17 para 3 of the TEU).

Examples: 'According to Article 17(3) TEU, the Commission's term of office shall be five years', or 'The Commission's term of office shall be five years (Art 17(3) TEU).'

## 9 Capitalization

Headings, titles, and proper names will be capitalized.

The first letter of each *major* word should be capitalized, while *minor* words like prepositions and articles are not.

We do not capitalize the following words in titles:

- in particular
- between
- concerning
- regarding
- relating
- relative
- pursuant to
- with regard to

Non-English titles are *not* capitalized according to English grammar, but according to the rules applying in the respective language.

Example: H Ascensio, *Droit international économique* (2nd edn, Presses universitaires de France 2020).

### Capitalization of State

Do not capitalize 'state' unless it is part of a title or is being used as a proper noun, i.e. when it forms part of the official name of the country.

Examples: United Mexican States, Plurinational State of Bolivia, State of Libya, United States of America.

## 10 Non-English Legal Terms

Non-English legal terms should be italicized.

Always write *ius* not *jus* (e.g., *iura*, *iuris*, etc., not *jura*, *juris*, etc.).

## 11 Cross-References to Other Encyclopedia Entries

Authors are encouraged to include cross-references to other Encyclopedia entries where applicable in their contribution.

The cross-reference should be marked with an → arrow and a space preceding the title of the entry and should be italicized. Please copy the titles exactly as they appear in the lists, but capitalization can be changed if the cross-reference appears in the running text. Do not include a cross-reference in the running text unless it truly fits into the grammar of the sentence. If it does not fit within the grammar of the sentence, add the cross-reference in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

A boundary refers in legal terminology to the line delimiting the territory placed under the → *sovereignty* of a state.

Unlike boundaries, lines separating spheres of influence during colonial periods could separate territories that were not placed under the sovereignty of the states concerned (→ *Colonialism*).

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The following categories are to be used in the following order:

**Cited Bibliography**

**Further Bibliography**

**Cited Documents**

**Further Documents**

**Cited Cases**

**Further Cases**

Note that a ‘further’ section can exist regardless of whether there is a corresponding ‘cited’ section.

### a. Cited Bibliography and Further Bibliography

The bibliography contains monographs, essays, commentaries, etc., which should be listed in **chronological order** based on the date of appearance (starting with the oldest). If there are two or more entries with the same year, please arrange them alphabetically by the authors' last names.

When indicating page ranges, do not use 'p.', or 'pp.'.

Articles:

Author, | 'Title' | (year) | vol(issue) | Journal Title | first and last page.

Monographs:

Author, | *Title* | (Publisher year).

Chapters in edited volumes:

Author, | 'Title' | in Editor (ed), | *Title* | (edn, | Publisher | year) | first and last page.

*Examples:*

ED Brown, *Sea-Bed Energy and Minerals* vol 1 *The Continental Shelf* (Nijhoff 1992).

V Chetail, 'Sovereignty and Migration in the Doctrine of the Law of Nations: An Intellectual History of Hospitality from Vitoria to Vattel' (2017) 27(4) EJIL 901–22.

AK Bjorklund, 'The National Treatment Obligation' in K Yannaca-Small (ed), *Arbitration under International Investment Agreements: A Guide to the Key Issues* (2nd edn, OUP 2018) 532–61.

O Dörr and K Schmalenbach (eds), *Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: A Commentary* (2nd edn, Springer 2018).

L Pantaleo, *The Participation of the EU in International Dispute Settlement: Lessons from EU Investment Agreements* (Asser 2019).

**In-text references to literature** are abbreviated as follows:

(Last name of author(s) (year of publication) pinpoint reference).

If two in-text references have the same author and year, include an abbreviated title for each source.

Authors are encouraged to include non-English material.

### b. Cited Documents and Further Documents

The Documents sections contain treaties, resolutions, and other legal instruments in **alphabetical order**. All documents referred to in your article, even if only in passing, need to be cited with their full official name (or number) and a full source reference. You are

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Constituent elements of a **Convention/Treaty/Charter/Statute/Constitution** (etc.) reference:

Title | (signed/concluded/done/adopted DATE, entered into force DATE) | official records publication/document number.

Charter of the United Nations (adopted 26 June 1945, entered into force 24 October 1945) 1 UNTS 16.

Constitution of the International Labour Organisation (as amended) (signed 9 October 1946, entered into force 20 April 1948) 15 UNTS 40.

Convention on Biological Diversity (concluded 5 June 1992, entered into force 29 December 1993) 1760 UNTS 79.

Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (signed 4 November 1950, entered into force 3 September 1953) 213 UNTS 221 (European Convention on Human Rights).

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) (adopted 8 June 1977, entered into force 7 December 1978) 1125 UNTS 3.

Protocol between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army on the Resolution of Abyei Conflict (26 May 2004) <[https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/file/resources/collections/peace\\_agreements/abyei\\_05262004.pdf](https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/file/resources/collections/peace_agreements/abyei_05262004.pdf)> (accessed 29 October 2024).

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (adopted 17 July 1998, entered into force 1 July 2002) 2187 UNTS 90.

Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community (concluded 13 December 2007, entered into force 1 December 2009) [2007] OJ C306.

For **other documents**, mention the issuing organ before the title:

Issuing Organ, | 'number and/or title of document' | (date) | official publication/document number.

IACCommHR, 'Violence and Discrimination against Women and Girls: Best Practices and Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean' (14 November 2019) OEA/Ser.L/V/II.Doc.233/19.

ICC, 'Regulations of the Office of the Prosecutor' (adopted and entered into force 23 April 2009) ICC-BD/05-01-09.

HRCouncil, 'Resolution 10/23: Cultural Rights and the Protection of Cultural Heritage' (adopted 26 March 2009) UN Doc A/HRC/RES/10/23.

ILC, 'Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, with Commentary' [2001] vol II part II UNYBILC 26.

UNGA, ‘Resolution 56/83: Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts’ (12 December 2001) UN Doc A/RES/56/83.

UNGA, ‘Resolution 70/1: Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’ (25 September 2015) UN Doc A/RES/70/1.

For sources that are only available online, please use the following format:

Issuing organ, | ‘Name of the document’ | (date) | <URL> | (accessed date).

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At their first occurrence documents should be cited with their full official title (and, if applicable, informal title and/or abbreviation in single quotation marks, which can be used in subsequent references).

### c. Cited Cases and Further Cases

Cited Cases and Further Cases should be arranged in **alphabetical order**. Authors may choose to create subdivisions in the case law, arranging the subdivisions alphabetically by the name of the court and listing cases within each subdivision in alphabetical order.

#### Constituent elements of a case reference:

*Official case name* and/or case number | (procedural stage) | (date) | official reference; additional citation (if any).

*Accession of the EU to the ECHR* Opinion 2/13 (Opinion of the Court) (18 December 2014) ECLI:EU:C:2014:2454.

*Anas Ahmed Khalifa* Communication No 656/17 (Decision) (ACommHPR) (18 October 2018) <<https://achpr.au.int/en/decisions-communications/anas-ahmed-khalifa-v-egypt-65617>> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*AR v WIPO* Judgment No 3394 (ILOAT) (11 February 2015) <[https://webapps.ilo.org/dyn/triblex/triblexmain.fullText?p\\_lang=en&p\\_judgment\\_no=3394&p\\_language\\_code=EN](https://webapps.ilo.org/dyn/triblex/triblexmain.fullText?p_lang=en&p_judgment_no=3394&p_language_code=EN)> (accessed 24 January 2025).

*Australia – Tobacco Plain Packaging (Indonesia)* (Report of the Panels) (28 June 2018) WT/DS435/R; WT/DS441/R; WT/DS458/R; WT/DS467/R.

*Cornelis Kramer and Others* Joined Cases 3/76, 4/76 and 6/76 (Judgment) (14 July 1976) ECLI:EU:C:1976:114.

*Emilio Agustín Maffezini v The Kingdom of Spain* ICSID Case No ARB/97/7 (Award) (13 November 2000) <<https://www.italaw.com/sites/default/files/case-documents/ita0481.pdf>> (accessed 22 April 2025).

*Harouna Dicko and others v Burkina Faso* App No 037/2020 (Ruling on Jurisdiction and Admissibility) (ACtHPR) (13 November 2024) <<https://www.african->

court.org/cpmt/storage/app/uploads/public/674/48b/93c/67448b93c92e9377653827.pdf> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*Loizidou v Turkey* App No 15318/89 (Merits) (18 December 1996) <<https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-58007>> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*Mavrommatis Palestine Concessions (Greece v Great Britain)* (Merits) (26 March 1925) PCIJ Series A No 5.

*Morgan Equipment Company v The Islamic Republic of Iran and others* (Final Award) (IUSCT) (27 December 1983) Award No 100-280-2 <<https://iusct.com/cases/final-award-no-100-27-december-1983/>> (accessed 24 January 2025).

*MOX Plant Case (Ireland v United Kingdom)* (Provisional Measures) (Order) (3 September 2001) [2001] ITLOS Rep 95.

*Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean (Bolivia v Chile)* (Merits) [2018] ICJ Rep 507.

*Oswaldo José Payá Sardiña and others v Cuba* Case 14.196 (Admissibility and Merits Report) (IACCommHR) (9 June 2023) Report No 83/23.

*Prosecutor v Duško Tadić* IT-94-1-A (Judgment) (Appeals Chamber) (ICTY) (15 July 1999) <<https://ucr.irmct.org/scasedocs/case/IT-94-1#eng>> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*Prosecutor v Jean-Paul Akayesu* ICTR-96-4-T (Judgment) (ICTR) (Trial Chamber) (2 September 1998)

<<https://ucr.irmct.org/LegalRef/CMSDocStore/Public/English/Judgement/NotIndexable/ICTR-96-04/MS15217R0000619817.PDF>> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*Prosecutor v Omar Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir* ICC-02/05-01/09-397 (Judgment in the Jordan Referral re Al-Bashir Appeal) (Appeals Chamber) (6 May 2019) <[https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/CR2019\\_02593.PDF](https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/CourtRecords/CR2019_02593.PDF)> (accessed 5 September 2025).

*Schempp* Case C-403/03 (Judgment) (12 July 2005) ECLI:EU:C:2005:446.

*Schempp* Case C-403/03 (Opinion of the Advocate General) (27 January 2005) ECLI:EU:C:2005:62.

*South China Sea Arbitration (The Republic of the Philippines v The People's Republic of China)* PCA Case No 2013-19 (Award) (12 July 2016) XXXIII RIAA 153 <<https://pcacases.com/web/sendAttach/2086>> (accessed 31 May 2025).

*Velásquez Rodríguez v Honduras* (Merits) (29 July 1988) IACtHR Series C No 4.

If the decision has not been published in an official report, include a URL link to the online source.

**In-text references to cases** are abbreviated as follows:

(*Case name/number* (procedural stage) (year) pinpoint reference).

Again, you are encouraged to use the [Oxford Law Citator](#) to find full citation elements for each case.

Thank you for following these Guidelines. In case of questions please contact [mpepil@mpil.de](mailto:mpepil@mpil.de).