

## How to address the ICJ

### Beginning:

Mr. President (Madam President), distinguished members of the Court (or: Your Excellencies), my name is \_\_\_\_\_, agent for Applicant Rosmarus (agent for Respondent Urusus) \_\_\_\_\_. My co-agent is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. We kindly ask this Court to reserve 19/20 minutes for my part of Rosmarus'/Urusus' arguments, 18 for that of my co-agent and 2/3 minutes for rebuttal/surrebuttal. It is my pleasure to present before this honoured Court the following submissions on behalf of Rosmarus/Urusus \_\_\_\_\_. My co-agent shall then deal with the following arguments on behalf of Rosmarus/Urusus ...

Mr. President (Madam President), distinguished members of the Court,...

I thank the Court for allowing me the opportunity to present my arguments....

The first specific issue I would like to refer to on behalf of X is...

Mr. President (Madam President), distinguished members of the Court...

Mr. President (Madam President), distinguished members of the Court  
(or: Your Excellencies)...

### Addressing the Court:

Mr. President (Madam President), distinguished members of the Court...

Let me, Mr. President (Madam President), elaborate on these points....

Your Excellency,...

I shall address myself to...

I shall now turn to...

I shall now move on to...

It is now my privilege to resume the argument on behalf of the Government of X ...

With your permission ...

May I particularly refer to...

To save the time of this court I shall refrain from (repeating what my colleague has stated earlier on...)...

However, the obligation to ..., distinguished members of the Court, is not unqualified...

### Answering Questions:

Indeed your question, Mr. President (Madam President) refers us to what X considers to be the core of the matter...

It is the Republic of X's submission that...

In this connection let me refer to...

I respectfully ask this court to bear in mind that...

**Quoting:**

Let me Mr. President (Madam President) quote: “...” End of quotation.

I quote: “...” End of quotation/Unquote.

**Referring to cases/scholars:**

The application of this principle is made clear by the case of XY....

In case XY the Court held that....

*Special Rapporteur Professor Crawford* in his Commentary clearly pointed out that....

According to *Prof. ...*

*The XY case* involved essentially the same factual situation/a factual situation diametrically opposed to...

The principle that ... was upheld by ...

Just to give an example...

Let me walk you step by step through the language of *Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*...

*Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties* which is the key provision underlying our argument states...

There have already been cases that have facts that are very similar to what the Rep. of X is alleging here...

**Ending:**

May it please the Court to adjudge and declare...

Unless there are no further questions from the bench, I would like to end my submissions at this point ...

Mister/Madam President, it has just been indicated to me that I have unfortunately run out of time/may I finish the sentence/sum up the argument?

It has been indicated to me that the time has elapsed, may I...

Unless the Tribunal has any more questions, this concludes Acastus' arguments. Thank you. May it please the Court.

For all these reasons (- and any one of these reasons would be more than sufficient-) Rosmarus/Urusus respectfully asks this Court to adjudge and declare that...

Thank you. May it please the Court