

Clarifications to the Record
Twenty-Fourth Annual Stetson International Environmental
Moot Court Competition
2019–2020

Please note that this document does not contain responses to all of the requests for clarification that were received. The answers to some requests are already contained within the Record, and other requests were beyond the scope of the legal and factual issues that should be the focus of your arguments in the memorials and during the oral rounds of the competition. The arguments should largely focus on the conferences, conventions, agreements, documents, and legal principles that are mentioned in the Record.

- Q1. Is Arctos considered the Applicant and Ranvicora considered the Respondent for the purposes of this competition?
A1. Yes.
- Q2. Are Arctos and Ranvicora parties to any other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the Espoo Convention?
A2. No.
- Q3. Have Arctos and Ranvicora entered into any other bilateral or multilateral regional agreements?
A3. None that are relevant.
- Q4. When did Arctos and Ranvicora become parties to the conventions and agreements mentioned in the Record?
A4. Arctos and Ranvicora signed and deposited instruments of ratification in the first year in which the conventions or agreements were opened for signature.
- Q5. Did Arctos and Ranvicora attend all of the Conferences or Meetings of the Parties related to the conventions or agreements to which they are parties?
A5. Yes.
- Q6. Since jurisdiction has already been settled by the parties to the dispute, should the participants address it in the memorials?
A6. Each memorial should include a statement of jurisdiction, but the arguments in the memorials and the oral rounds should not address jurisdiction because the parties have agreed that the International Court of Justice has jurisdiction to decide the matter.
- Q7. Should the diplomatic notes be considered aspersions or facts?
A7. The facts referenced in the diplomatic notes should be taken as true, but the legal assertions in the diplomatic notes may be debated.
- Q8. Does Ranvicora share a border with Paddington or Aloysius?
A8. No.

- Q9. Is there a wall or other humanmade barrier along the border between Arctos and Ranvicora?
A9. No.
- Q10. Are the forests and privately owned farms located on both sides of the border between Arctos and Ranvicora?
A10. Yes.
- Q11. Are there any other remaining habitats in Ranvicora suitable for grey bears?
A11. Other areas were rejected because they were not large enough to sustain a viable population of grey bears.
- Q12. Did the grey bears injure or kill any Ranvicoran citizens?
A12. No.
- Q13. Was the emergency regulation in Paragraph 21 of the Record issued by way of a press release?
A13. The emergency regulation was announced in a press release. The emergency regulation was promulgated and published in accordance with domestic law in Arctos.
- Q14. After grey bears went extinct in Ranvicora in 1963, were grey bears found in any country on Suredia other than Paddington and Aloysius?
A14. No.
- Q15. In Paragraph 18 of the Record, the diplomatic note from the Government of Arctos requests that "Ranvicora capture and remove the grey bears from the wild." Does this mean a complete removal of all grey bears in Ranvicora and Arctos?
A15. The Government of Arctos requested Ranvicora to capture and remove all of the grey bears in Ranvicora.