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Elements of Style

1. British English spelling should be used.
2. The preferred reference source is the Oxford English Dictionary.
3. Use 'State' when used in the meaning of a nation state (a subject of public international law) or part of a title (e.g., 'the Member States [of the EU]') but not when used as an adjective (e.g., 'state liability')
4. Authors choose whether to use 's' or 'z' but note that 'z' may not be substituted for 's' in words ending '-yse' ('analyse', 'paralyse')
5. The preferred font and size for **text** is Times New Roman 12 pt. and Times New Roman 10 pt. for footnotes.
6. Do not use bold or underline formats to emphasise a word or sentence. Words should only be emphasised using italics, but sparingly.
7. When beginning a new section, the first paragraph should be indented.
8. After a colon (:) both in headings & in main text, start the next piece with a capital letter

Punctuation

1. One space after each punctuation mark is enough. So after a full stop (.) there should only be one space.

Figures and Numerals

1. Spell out numbers from one to ten (except in pages, legislation, dates and other similar references); use numerals for numbers 11 and higher. Also use numerals throughout for dates and times.
2. For percentages spell out the word per cent except in tables & figures, where % is acceptable. For example, eight per cent, not 8%.
3. Spell out fractions. For example, two-thirds or three-quarters.
4. Page ranges should be separated by an en-dash. For example, pp. 26–46.
5. Years should be separated by a hyphen. For example, 1980-986.
6. Add a space with thousands, e.g., not 80000 or 80,000 but 80 000.

Italicising

1. Italics are used for emphasis. Do not use bold or underline formatting for emphasis.
2. Italics should be used sparingly. If they are used too often the emphasis will be weakened.
3. Foreign and Latin words should be italicised.
4. All case names should be italicised; however, the word 'case' and the 'v.' should not be italicised. For example, *Hermes v. FHT Marketing case*.
5. All signals should be italicised in footnotes. These include *see, see also, cf., contra, but see, but cf., see generally, et seq., and e.g.*

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1. Do not use dollar signs; use USD (US dollars), SEK (Swedish Kronor), EUR (Euro), etc. This abbreviation should be placed directly before the amount it refers to. For example, EUR 100.

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2. If only month and year is included use the following format, January 2019
3. If only month and day is used use the following format, 1 January.
4. Years should be separated by a hyphen. For example, 1980-1986.

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1. Authors are asked to use only three levels of headings, although four can be accommodated. They should be numbered consecutively and formatted as in the example. The first letter of all words should be *capitalised*, except prepositions and articles.

Example:

1. **Democracy within States**
 - 1.1. **Key Principles and Institutions**
 - 1.1.1. *Civil and Political Rights*

Quotations

1. *Direct* quotations should be enclosed in double quotation marks (“ ”) and run on in the text.
2. Single quotation marks (‘ ’) are used to distinguish words, concepts or short phrases under discussion.
3. For larger sections of quoted text (*i.e.*, anything over five lines) use block quotes: set these off from other text by adding a blank line above and below the section, and indent the block of text on the left and right by five points. Reduce type size to 10 pt. These larger sections, or 'block quotes', should be enclosed in quotation marks.
4. Quotation marks should come before all punctuation, except where the whole sentence is a quotation.

Example:

He said “I agree with you”. “Don’t do it.”

5. Where the quoted material begins with a capital but is being placed in the middle of a sentence and the letter should grammatically be lower case, place the letter in square brackets and change to lower case.

Example:

As explicitly stated in Article 20 “[a]ny propaganda for war shall be prohibited by law”.

6. Omission points
 1. Use to designate that the quoted material has omitted information (usually only in a sentence).
 2. Should be styled as three spaced points (full stops), with a space before the first point and a space after the last point.
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 4. It is *unnecessary* to include omission points at the beginning of a quote if the first letter of the quoted material is in lower case. The lower case letter denotes that the quote comes from the middle of a sentence.

Examples:

Article 6 also states that the right to life “shall be protected by law”.

Article 50 states that the “... Covenant shall extend to all parts of federal States without any limitations or exceptions”.

Citations

1. When citing, the following general guidelines should be observed:
2. When in doubt, provide all information - it is easier and faster to cut than to hunt down minutiae.
3. If there is one footnote in a sentence the footnote should follow all punctuation.

Examples:

Article 6 can be said to predate the Covenant by many years.¹²

Both case law¹³ and customary practice illustrate this point.¹⁴

4. Do not use endnotes; use footnotes (bottom of page).
5. All footnotes should end with a full stop.
6. Footnotes should be in Times New Roman 10 pt.
7. Do not refer within the text to other parts of the text by using page numbers. Use section headings, numbers/letters, or a prose description of the part of the text you wish to refer to.
8. The following abbreviations should be used:
pp. =pages; p. = page; para. = paragraph; paras. =paragraphs

Example:

pp. 25–27.

9. *et seq.* is preferred to *ff.*
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Examples:

See Rispoli v. Italy, 30 October 2003...

E.g., J. Klabbers, *The Concept of Treaty*...

References and Cross References

We do recommend that references are submitted according to the Chicago Manual of Style

(www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide/citation-guide-1.html#cg-website)

1. When referring to a previously cited work use the following format: author's surname, *supra* note... and give the number of the footnote in which the work was first cited.

Example:

Bogdan, *supra* note 8.

2. When referring to a previously cited case use the following format: case name, *supra* note... and give the number of the footnote in which the case was first cited. Note: long case names should be shortened appropriately.

Example:

Lockerbie case, supra note 2.

3. When referring to a previously cited work or case but referring to a different page or paragraph than what was originally cited, indicate the page or paragraph referred to.

Examples:

Crawford, *supra* note 10, p. 25.

Rispoli v. Italy, supra note 6, para. 18.

4. When referring to a work cited *immediately* above the citation in question, and with the same page number, use the following: *Ibid.* Remember: use *ibid.* only for immediately preceding references, otherwise, use *supra* note.

5. In cases such as no. 4 above, but with a different page number, indicate the page referred to.

Example:

Ibid., p. 4.

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Example:

Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, 8 July 1996, ICJ, Advisory Opinion, paras. 61–63, <<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/case/95>>, visited on 29 October 2018.

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- d. The name of the journal in italics.

- e. The year in parentheses.
- f. Page(s)/paragraph(s) directly referred to or the page range of the article.

Examples:

R. O’Keefe, ‘The Admission to the United Nations of the Ex-Soviet and Ex-Yugoslav States’, 1 *Baltic Yearbook of International Law* (2001) p. 170.

O. Spiermann, ‘Humanitarian Intervention as a Necessity and the Threat or Use of *Jus Cogens*’, 71:4 *Nordic Journal of International Law* (2002) pp. 530–534.

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Example:

Benjamin Lindquist, ‘The Art of Text-to-Speech,’ 50:2 *Critical Inquiry* (2023) p. 230, <https://doi.org/10.1086/727651>.

H. Al-Fadhli, ‘From Nuremberg to The Hague and Beyond: Reincorporating ‘Taking a Consenting Part’ into International Modes of Liability’, 72:2 (2025), pp. 137–171. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40802-025-00283-x>.

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- e. Page(s) or paragraph(s) referred to (if applicable).

Example:

L. Holmstrom (ed.), *Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination* (Kluwer Law International, 2002) pp. 77–79.

5. Chapters in books

The page reference at which the cited chapter begins should always be specified *or* specify the specific page(s) referred to.

Examples:

A. Eide, ‘Cultural Rights and Minorities: Essay in Honour of Erica-Irene Daes’, in G. Alfredsson and M. Stavropoulou (eds.), *Justice Pending: Indigenous Peoples and Other Good Causes* (Kluwer Law International, 2002) p. 83.

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- c. Date of judgment.
- d. Issuing court, this can be abbreviated if the court is well known internationally. For example ECHR, ICJ, etc.
- e. In the absence of any indication to the contrary the cited case is a judgment on the merits. Any variation from that should be stated. For example, advisory opinion, dissenting opinion, provisional measures, or if it has some other unique characteristic.
- f. Reference or application number (if applicable).
- g. Source (however if accessed by Internet cite appropriately, see above).
- h. Page(s) or paragraph(s) referred to (if applicable).

Examples:

International Court of Justice:

Arrest Warrant of 11 April 2000 (Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Belgium), 8 December 2000, ICJ, Provisional Measures, *I.C.J. Reports 2000*, p. 182.

Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons, 8 July 1996, ICJ, Advisory Opinion, paras. 61–63, <<https://www.icj-cij.org/en/case/95>> visited on 29 October 2018.

European Court of Human Rights:

Rispoli v. Italy, 30 October 2003, ECHR, no. 00055388/00, para. 26,
<<http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-61416>>, visited on 29 October 2018.
Velikova v. Bulgaria, 18 May 2000, ECHR, no. 41488/98, *Reports of Judgments and Decisions 2000-VI*, para 92.

Inter-American Court of Human Rights:

The Case of the Mayagna (Sumo) Awas Tingni Community v. Nicaragua, 31 August 2001, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Series C No. 79, para. 164.
<https://www.corteidh.or.cr/cf/Jurisprudencia2/ficha_tecnica.cfm?nId_Ficha=240&lang=en>, visited on 29 October 2018.

Court of Justice of the European Union:

Judgment of 12 July 2005, *Schemp*, C-403/03, ECLI: EU:C:2005:446, para. 22.

General Court:

Judgment of the General Court of 15 January 2013, *Spain v Commission*, T-54/11, ECR, ECLI:EU:T:2013:10, para. 29.

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- b. Title of article.
- c. Newspaper.
- d. Date.
- e. Page of section.

Example:

S. Kishkovsky, 'The Most Dangerous Place in Europe for Journalists', *The International Herald Tribune*, 24 October 2018, p. 2.