**Committee Description**

Constantly asserting its leading role as the legitimate system for resolving disputes on the international level, the International Court of Justice is the primary judiciary organ of the United Nations. Established in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations, the ICJ has for principal mandate to settle legal disputes submitted to it by States. In the context of SSUNS 2017, the ICJ committee will be composed of four (4) judges, whose positions will be filled by the Dias Members. The delegates, will be expected to act as Lawyers, or in the terms of the ICJ: Advocates. Their role consists of representing the State they were assigned by performing the duties of submitting written pleadings and delivering oral argument in its defense. They will face the challenge of resorting to the different sources of International Law to convince the judges of their argumentation.

In terms of the committee’s progression, the ICJ committee will be presented only one case: Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo

v. Rwanda). The committee will start off as a Crisis committee where delegates will be put first hand into the conflict between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and

Rwanda. They will be expected to take part into a role-play of the problematic and to simultaneously build their case. The Crisis part of the simulation will be followed by formal sessions during which delegate will argue their case and defend their respective State-party. The simulation will close with one session of mood-court-like debate where the advocates of each party will have the opportunity to present one culminating and final oral argument before the judges. The judges will then have the right to question and challenge each argument and will assess a final judgment.