

CLARA BARTON COMPETITION: SAMPLE ROUND

In this sample round of the IHL competition, you will step into the role of a legal and humanitarian delegation from Beshibian United (BU), a neutral, independent humanitarian organization. You are not representing a government or court, but rather engaging with a non-state armed group (NSAG), in this case, the Sea Lions, who have taken control of the Chia region through armed conflict. The Sea Lions now function as a de facto authority and occupying power in Chia. This gives rise to significant legal obligations under International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL).

This walkthrough guides students on how to analyze the problem, build arguments, manage the round, and advocate effectively in a competition setting where they engage with a non-state armed group (NSAG) about IHL compliance in a hostile occupation scenario.

PART 1: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT

Step 1: Identify Your Role

You are a legal and humanitarian delegation from BU, invited to meet with Captain Bruce Mathis, the Sea Lions' commanding officer. This is the first external visit to the Chia region since the Sea Lions took control. Your job is:

- Raise urgent concerns about violations of IHL and IHRL in Chia
- To persuade the Sea Lions to comply with IHL and IHRL
- NOT to accuse, prosecute, or debate in a courtroom
- Do so diplomatically, without threatening or accusing, to keep the conversation open

Step 2: Identify the Legal Framework

Use this checklist:

- Conflict classification: Non-International Armed Conflict (NIAC)
- Applicable law:
 - Common Article 3
 - Additional Protocol II
 - Customary International Humanitarian Law (CIHL)
 - International Human Rights Law (IHRL) (ICCPR, CRC, etc.)
 - Rome Statute (for war crime thresholds)

Tip: Make a table summarizing which rules apply to each issue.

PART 2: ISSUE-BY-ISSUE PREP

The round will test your understanding of specific IHL issues. As you read through the materials (news reports, documents, letters, and transcripts), look for systemic practices, policy documents (like Edict No. 66), civilian impacts, and language related to governance, discipline, or control. Once you have identified the issues, here's how to break each one down:

Issue 1: Due Process & Judicial Guarantees

- Note facts: Read Edict 66 thoroughly and list each due process violation (e.g., no trial, no defense, no appeal).
- Gather applicable law:

- Common Article 3(1)(d)
- AP II Art. 6
- ICCPR Arts. 9 & 14
- CIHL Rule 100 (fair trial), Rule 99 (deprivation of liberty)
- Explain these norms in non-technical terms: fairness, innocence, right to free speech.
- Anticipate pushback (“we need fast justice”) and respond with practical benefits (trust, legitimacy, reduced unrest).

Issue 2: Forced Labor & Civilian Protections

- Note facts: civilians forced to dismantle buildings, 14-hour shifts, violence.
- Gather applicable law:
 - Common Article 3
 - AP II Art. 4(3)(c) (prohibits forced/humiliating labor)
 - CIHL Rule 95
 - Rome Statute Art. 8(2)(e)(vi) (forced labor is a war crime)
- Explain the distinction between legitimate civic labor and coercive exploitation.
- Emphasize moral optics and long-term consequences of abusing civilians.

Issue 3: Denial of Humanitarian Aid & Starvation

- Note facts: fishing ban, aid blockade, refusal to let the Hatchia Red Crystal Society (HRCS) in.
- Gather applicable law:
 - CIHL Rule 55 (must allow aid)
 - Rule 53 (starvation as a method of warfare prohibited)
 - AP II Art. 18 (aid must be allowed when needed)
- Build a cause-effect argument: a ban and a blockade will lead to starvation.
- Reframe aid as a tool for *order*, not threat.
- Prepare to defend the neutrality of humanitarian actors (e.g., HRCS).

Issue 4. Child Recruitment / Youth Academy

- Note facts: ages 13–18, drone use, ammo sorting, “leadership missions.”
- Gather applicable law:
 - AP II Art. 4(3)(c-d)
 - CRC-OPAC (no recruitment/use under 18)
 - CIHL Rule 136–137
- Frame child activities like drone operation and ammo sorting as indirect military use (e.g., intelligence gathering, logistical support) to highlight their unlawful role under IHL.
- Emphasize protection, not punishment.
- Argue for civilian reform of curriculum, not necessarily a complete shutdown.

PART 3: BUILDING YOUR ADVOCACY STRATEGY

Structure Your Presentation

Use the following sample structure—or adapt it to fit your team’s style—to organize your strategy and ensure balanced time management across all key issues:

- Opening (2 min): Introduce BU, establish tone, preview concerns
- Issue 1 (4 min): Due Process
- Issue 2 (4 min): Forced labor
- Issue 3 (4 min): Aid denial
- Issue 4 (3 min): Child protection

- Closing (3 min): Summarize asks, offer support/cooperation

Develop Roles for Your Team

The roles outlined below are suggested examples to help distribute tasks effectively, but each team should assess their own strengths and dynamics to decide on a structure and strategy that works best for them.

Flexibility and adaptability are key in building a cohesive and responsive advocacy team.

- **Opening/Closing Speaker:** Anchors tone and summarizes asks
- **Legal Expert:** Handles hard law arguments (Edict, labor)
- **Humanitarian Advocate:** Focuses on aid, children, emotional impact
- **Interrupter Handler:** Jumps in to manage aggressive pushback

Practice Responding to Pushback

- The Sea Lions delegation (portrayed by judges) will likely interrupt, challenge, or push back on your arguments throughout the round. This is intentional. Be mindful of the time and don't insist on finishing a full speech if interrupted. Stay flexible, respond briefly and strategically, then pivot to the next issue to ensure you address all key concerns within the 20-minute limit.
- Prepare and practice brief, confident responses that acknowledge their concerns while reinforcing humanitarian principles. Here are a few examples:
 - "We understand the need for order, but humanitarian standards are designed to apply even in the most difficult situations, including war."
 - "Respect for IHL is not a weakness. It is a sign of legitimacy and leadership."
 - "We aren't here to take sides, only to help protect people and reduce suffering."
 - "Our goal is to support your efforts by offering tools that align your governance with internationally recognized protections."
 - "Many movements in history have gained credibility by showing restraint and protecting civilians. Yours can too."

Tip: Keep your responses short, then pivot quickly back to your main argument or next issue to avoid losing valuable time.

PART 4: FRAMING YOUR "ASKS"

Always end each issue with a practical, doable request. When raising a legal or humanitarian concern, don't stop at identifying the violation. End each segment with a specific, achievable request that gives the Sea Lions a clear next step they can realistically implement. This keeps the conversation solution-focused and gives the other side something to agree to, even if partially. Requests should:

- Be concrete, not vague or abstract.
- Avoid legal jargon. Use plain language.
- Emphasize feasibility and mutual benefit.
- Leave space for collaboration or phased changes.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

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Dear Team,

As you may have heard, Beshibian United has been given the unprecedented opportunity to visit the Chia region of Hatchia for the first time since the Sea Lion occupation began. A varied range of diplomatic overtures have successfully convinced Commander Ponderosa that beginning a dialogue with us will bolster the Sea Lions' legitimacy on the world stage and be of great benefit to those living within the region. I have selected your team to visit due to your experience in advocacy and international law.

You will be visiting the town of Inshore, the only population center within Chia, where the Sea Lions have established a base of operations. You will be speaking with Captain Mathis, the ranking Sea Lions officer, and his support staff for an initial conversation about our concerns relating to their compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law within the occupied area, with specific regard to their obligations as an occupying force and to their treatment of children.

Captain Mathis has agreed to a 20-minute meeting so prepare your remarks accordingly. Please also see the attached files that contain details about the situation in Inshore that will be useful for your meeting with Mathis. The Sea Lions have not let anyone into Chia since the occupation began, but the following documents contain as accurate of information as we can acquire.

Best,
Deandra Reynolds
Head of Legal Department
Beshibian United

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Beshibian United will be meeting with Sea Lion leadership in Inshore, namely Captain Bruce Mathis and his support staff. Our review of social media posts and other content coming out of Inshore have painted a picture of Mathis as a strong-willed, argumentative, and uncompromising individual. The eyes of the world will be on Inshore in the days to come to see if these meetings result in any humanitarian progress for the Chia region.

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Who Are the Sea Lions?

The Sea Lions originated as a grassroots political movement that advocated for environmental justice and improved sustainability in the Stodga Sea. Many of the Sea Lions' political efforts were focused on Hatchia, long the environmental black sheep of the continent, to improve its regulations of the fishing industry. Hatchia has faced domestic and international criticism for allowing overfishing and excessive pollution to continue for many years, leading to depleted fish stocks, shrinking aquatic biodiversity, poor water quality, and excessive ocean trash. While some environmental progress has been made, scientists across Beshibi have raised alarms in recent years that the human impact on the Stodga Sea is rapidly nearing a point of irrevocable damage. The Sea Lions' efforts to promote environmentalism have increased in intensity alongside these reports: organizing hunger strikes, mass protests, riots, and more.

A large contingent of Sea Lion members originate from the Vagar Islands, a scattered island chain in the midst of the Stodga Sea. The inhabitants of the Vagar Islands spend their entire lives going in and out of the sea, and as such are deeply passionate about the looming environmental crisis facing the area. The Vagar Islands have a complex political history, with overlapping claims of sovereignty by Forden, Hatchia, and Runyore. Rather than go to war, diplomatic efforts ultimately resulted in the establishment of the Vagar Islands in 1999 as a joint protectorate of the three nation-states. Widely recognized as an imperfect solution, the protectorate has fostered a deep sense of justice within many living on the islands and on the mainland.



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The Sea Lions have issued **Edict No. 66**, which mandates that all individuals accused of treason or collaborating with enemies of the state be sentenced without trial. The sentences are harsh—up to 25 years of imprisonment or forced labor, with no right to defense or appeal. I was one of the judges forced to enforce this edict. I refused, believing that my duty was to the law and to justice, not to those who seek to rule through fear. For this, I was branded a traitor and narrowly escaped arrest. I am now in hiding.

I have attached **Edict No. 66** to this letter, which you will see represents the clearest evidence of the Sea Lions' unlawful governance. Their actions violate the most basic principles of justice and human rights. The judiciary has been stripped of its power, and without immediate intervention, the very concept of justice in Chia will vanish. The people of Chia live in fear of arbitrary arrests, persecution, and punishment with no legal recourse.

I urge the Hatchian government and the international community to act swiftly. The people of Chia deserve better. They deserve to live in a society where justice is based on fairness, law, and due process—not the whims of those who rule through intimidation and violence.

With the utmost respect,
Sentinel

The Edict: A Blueprint for Repression

Also leaked to The Guardian was Edict No. 66, signed by Commander William Ponderosa, leader of the Sea Lions. This edict, now exposed to the public, mandates the suspension of trials and outlines a brutal system of summary justice that has effectively destroyed any semblance of legal protections for the people of Chia.

Edict No. 66: Immediate Justice Directive

Issued by the Sea Lions Governing Council of Chia

In the interest of preserving the security and stability of the Chia region under the rightful control of the Sea Lions, the following directive is issued. This edict must be enforced without hesitation or deviation by all judicial officers and authorities within the region.

1. Suspension of Trials:

Effective immediately, all formal judicial proceedings, including trials, legal defenses, and hearings for individuals accused of crimes against the Sea Lions or the State of Chia, are hereby suspended. Delays in the administration of justice are deemed a threat to the revolution and cannot be tolerated in this period of transition.

2. Sentencing Without Trial:

Any individual accused of the following crimes shall be sentenced immediately by the presiding judge or judicial officer without the need for a trial or the presentation of a defense:

- **Treason:** Including any act of direct or indirect support for the enemies of the Sea Lions or collaboration with the former government.
- **Aiding and Abetting the Enemy:** Including providing material support, intelligence, or shelter to individuals hostile to the Sea Lions.
- **Subversive Acts:** Any resistance or defiance to the authority of the Sea Lions, including public dissent, protest, or failure to comply with directives.

3. Mandatory Sentencing Guidelines:

Judges are instructed to impose the following sentences immediately upon accusation:

- **Treason:** 50 years of imprisonment, with the possibility of reassessment after 15 years if the individual demonstrates reformation through a reintegration and education program.
- **Aiding and Abetting the Enemy:** 25 years of imprisonment, with the possibility of reassessment after 15 years if the individual demonstrates reformation through a reintegration and education program.
- **Subversion or Resistance:** Up to 25 years of imprisonment, with eligibility for release after 10 years upon completion of the reeducation program.

4. Reintegration and Reeducation Program:

Those sentenced to imprisonment may be considered for reduced sentences based on successful participation in a reintegration and reeducation program. This program is designed to realign individuals with the values and principles of the Sea Lions' governance. Completion of the program may result in reduced labor or early release based on loyalty and reformation.

5. No Right to Appeal or Defense:

The accused are denied the right to present a defense, call witnesses, or appeal their sentences. Any attempt to challenge these proceedings will be treated as an additional act of treason, subject to the corresponding penalties outlined in this edict.

6. Judicial Compliance and Enforcement:

All judges and judicial officers are required to comply fully with this edict. Any failure or refusal to enforce these directives will be regarded as treasonous, and the offending official will be subject to immediate arrest and prosecution.

7. Public Notice and Enforcement:

This edict shall be publicly displayed in all courtrooms, municipal buildings, and public squares within Chia. Commanders of the Sea Lions are tasked with overseeing its enforcement, and non-compliance will be met with severe and swift consequences.

The Sea Lions are committed to restoring peace and order through decisive action. This edict is essential for safeguarding the revolution and ensuring justice is administered swiftly and without interference.

Signed,
Commander William Ponderosa



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Just signed up for Eyes in the Sky! Pumped to try out those drones and save the fishes [#HearMeRoar](#)

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Ugh. Drone shifts are longggg, at least it pays more than minimum wage

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Overfishing is killing the seas! No trawlers will escape my gaze

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Help make sure Hatchia's corruption will not seep back into Chia! Join me on mountain flyovers so I can get that referral bonus! \$\$\$

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My friends are sick of my work stories, apparently I just drone on and on....

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Revised Leaked Audio Transcript: Morning Meeting at Sea Lions' Youth Academy

[Audio Transcript from Anonymous Source]

Speaker: Nori Hershey, Director of Revolutionary Education
March 5, 2025

Nori Hershey:

"Listen up! I don't want any slacking today. You're not here to waste time—you're here to learn discipline, focus, and how to make yourselves useful. What you do here matters. Every task, every lesson. So pay attention, follow instructions, and don't make me repeat myself.

We'll start with **Math and Resource Management**. If you can't handle this, you won't be able to handle anything. Resources don't organize themselves, and we can't afford mistakes. Today, you'll learn how to calculate and manage supplies. These aren't just numbers, they're survival. Whether it's for your home or something bigger, you'll need these skills. Get it wrong, and there's no room for excuses. Precision matters—so focus.

Next, we have **State Corruption Studies**. You need to understand how the world works, and that means knowing how other governments fail and why we won't. You'll learn how to spot corruption, how outsiders try to undermine us, and why staying strong is the only way forward. This isn't about theory—it's about defending what we've built. Keep your eyes open and your minds sharp.

For **recess**, we're doing something that's actually useful—**ammo sorting**. You'll organize the ammunition by size and type. Don't complain—this is about attention to detail and discipline. You need to learn to handle important tasks without whining. Sorting isn't just about putting things in order—it's about showing you can follow through. So do it right.

After recess, we move on to the **drone flying workshop**. Today, you'll be practicing over the **Chia borders**. Drones aren't toys—they're tools. You'll use them to observe terrain, monitor movements, and understand what's happening around you. It's about learning to gather information that matters. You need to be precise, calm, and focused. This is an important skill—don't take it lightly.

We'll finish the day with **Leadership and Teamwork Training**. You'll be assigned group missions. This is where you show me if you can actually think on your feet and work together. No lone wolves here. If you can't lead or work as part of a team, you're useless. These missions will teach you how to plan, organize, and get things done. It's not just about the task—it's about showing you can handle responsibility.

Remember—everything you do here matters. There are no wasted efforts. You are preparing for the future—your future, our future. So get it right, or you'll fall behind. And trust me, you don't want to fall behind."



Posted by u/theinternationalrelationgeek

Help with translation!

I need someone to help and give me a translation of this flyer that someone I knows in Chia sent me. My friend says these flyers are all around town in Chia.



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Here's a rough translation:

Join the Sea Lions' Youth Academy
For Ages 13-18

"Knowledge as Deep as the Sea, Strength as Steady as the Tides"

Are you ready to take control of your future? The Sea Lions' Youth Academy is offering FREE education and training to all youth aged 13-19 in the Chia region! This is your chance to gain skills that will prepare you for leadership and success in our community.

What You'll Learn:

- Core Subjects: Math, Science, History of the Revolution
- Physical Training: Build strength, discipline, and teamwork
- Leadership Development: Become a leader who protects and serves
- Hands-on Skills: Learn advanced technology, including drone operation and equipment management
- Team Projects and Challenges: Real-world exercises to sharpen your abilities

Why Join the Academy?

- Completely Free: No fees—this is your chance to learn and grow at no cost
- Skills for the Future: Gain valuable experience that will help you contribute to our community's future
- Exclusive Workshops: Participate in exciting activities like drone flying and resource coordination

Recess includes fun, structured activities like drone workshops and strategy games that build problem-solving skills and teamwork.

The Academy Helps You:

- Become a strong, capable member of your community
- Develop critical thinking and leadership skills
- Learn practical skills that can be applied in real-world situations

Be part of the next generation that will lead the revolution and protect what we've built. The future is in your hands—don't miss out!

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By Lillian Stone, Associated Press

CHIA, HATCHIA (AP) – A deepening humanitarian crisis has left thousands in the Chia region on the brink of starvation as the militant group known as the Sea Lions blocks all efforts to deliver food and medical aid. The Hatchia Red Crystal Society (HRCS), a member of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, has been repeatedly denied access to the region despite growing food shortages caused by a recent ban on fishing—the region’s primary source of sustenance.

According to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), more than 80% of Chia’s population is facing severe food insecurity. The WFP reports that Chia’s mountainous terrain and limited agricultural capacity make it nearly impossible for the local population to grow enough food or raise livestock to survive. “With the fishing ban in place, there is little to no viable alternative for the people of Chia to feed themselves,” said a UN official, speaking under the condition of anonymity.

The Fishing Ban and Its Aftermath

The Sea Lions, led by Commander William Ponderosa, recently enforced a sweeping ban on all fishing activities, disabling boats and patrolling the coast to prevent access to the sea. This move stems from the group’s ideological belief in the sanctity of marine life, which they see as central to their revolutionary cause.

However, the decision to block aid from the HRCS may be influenced by more than just ideological beliefs. Reports from within Chia suggest that the Sea Lions’ leadership has been driven by a vision interpreted by Ponderosa’s close adviser, Master Artemis Dubois. In the vision, Dubois claimed to see the moon partially obscured by a glowing red crystal—a symbol Ponderosa interpreted as a warning that the HRCS, under the guise of humanitarian aid, might actually be working with the Hatchian government to undermine the revolution.

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“The Sea Lions believe that the HRCS is not just a neutral organization but a tool of the government they view as hostile,” said the UN official. “The vision, and especially the imagery of the red crystal, reinforced their existing suspicions that allowing the HRCS into Chia could jeopardize their control.”

Inshore Isolated from Aid

The effects of the fishing ban have been most devastating in Inshore, the only town in the remote Chia region. Dependent almost entirely on the fishing industry for food, the population is now facing widespread hunger, with little access to alternative food sources. In addition to banning fishing, the Sea Lions have blocked all access points into Inshore, preventing supply routes and humanitarian aid from reaching the town. The HRCS has been stationed near Chia’s borders for days, with emergency food and medical supplies ready for distribution. However, at every checkpoint controlled by the Sea Lions, their aid convoys have been turned away. The group has expressed increasing concern about the fate of civilians in Inshore, particularly as the conflict drags on with no end in sight.

A Preventable Disaster

The World Food Programme has warned that Chia is on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe if aid does not reach the civilian population soon. “This is a preventable disaster,” the WFP stated in a recent report, emphasizing the region’s dependence on external food sources and the fact that the local terrain cannot support sustainable farming or livestock production.

While international organizations continue to urge the Sea Lions to allow humanitarian access, Commander Ponderosa appears unmoved. His belief that the vision forewarned of a hidden threat—symbolized by the glowing red crystal—has fueled fears among the Sea Lions that the HRCS might represent an attempt by the Hatchian government to interfere with their revolution.

No Immediate Solution

As the people of Inshore face growing desperation, the HRCS remains prepared to deliver essential supplies as soon as access is granted. But with the Sea Lions continuing to block aid efforts and internal tensions rising, the prospects of a resolution appear grim.

International organizations, including the WFP, have called for immediate action, warning that time is running out for the people of Chia. Yet the combination of ideological beliefs, fear of government interference, and the recent vision has left the Sea Lions unwilling to reconsider their stance, leaving the people of Inshore to endure the mounting crisis alone.

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Wed 02/26/2025 10:37 AM

Mac,

I am writing to you to convey my serious concerns about the ongoing situation here at Inshore’s fishing district. Not only have the Sea Lions forced us to stop fishing entirely, but they have deliberately disabled all private and commercial vessels that could even be capable of fishing and patrol the shores to ensure that no one tries to fish or escape their control.

To make matters worse, once they fully took control. Sea Lion troops broke into the harbormaster’s office, stole all permit records and employment filings, and have forcibly recruited all dock workers, fishing crews, factory workers, and every other person even tangentially related to the fishing industry to work around the clock to dismantle every building in the fishing district.

We work in fourteen hour shifts, reducing all buildings into rubble and then carting said rubble into a hole, that as you may have guessed, we are also being forced to dig. Every time someone asks for a reprieve or additional food for our work, they are either insulted, beaten, or arrested.

I’m putting myself at risk of arrest by reaching out, but please please do what you can to see that the outside world knows what is happening here and intervenes.

Charlie Kelly
Warehouse Manager
Tuna Tins LLC

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