21.6 International Arbitrations and Claims Commissions

Cite arbitral decisions and claims commission decisions by analogy to rule 21.5, modified as follows. If adversarial parties are named, give the names as if it were a court case:

- Massaut v. Stupp

Otherwise, cite by the name of the first-party plaintiff or by the subject matter if no name is given. Indicate parenthetically the countries involved, when available, if not otherwise evident:


Cite arbitration awards to the official source, if possible, unless that source is a pamphlet containing only a single judgment. Consult table T5 for frequently cited arbitral reporters and claims commissions. Unless the court or tribunal is identified unambiguously in the name of the reporter, it should be indicated parenthetically:


The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), part of the World Bank, includes the full diplomatic name of each country involved, when relevant, in the case name. After the case number, include a description of the type of decision or ruling, when relevant:


When decisions do not appear in a traditional printed source, an internet source may be used pursuant to rule 18.1:


21.7 United Nations Sources

Frequently cited U.N. documents will often be drawn from the Official Records, masthead documents, or Internet sources. U.N. websites are favored over all other Internet sites. The Official Records are the preferred source for citations, but masthead documents and documents drawn from U.N. websites are acceptable. Press releases, sales documents, yearbooks, and periodicals should be cited only when preferred sources are unavailable or when the purpose of the citation so requires.

Many users will refer to the masthead version of the document. As such, paragraph and article numbers, rather than page numbers in the Official Records, should be used for pinpoint citations whenever possible. Some documents utilize both
unnumbered and numbered paragraphs, referred to as preambular and operative paragraphs, respectively; cite language in preambular paragraphs by page number and language in the numbered operative paragraphs by paragraph number. For resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council, cite the Official Records and provide a parallel citation to document symbols for the individual resolution.

This section covers the principal organs of the United Nations and several subsidiaries of the General Assembly. Subsidiaries of organs or committees should be included in citations whenever appropriate. Other organs and committees not specifically covered by this section should be cited analogously to the examples in this rule. If a committee is known by an abbreviation, write out the committee’s full name in the first instance and include the proper abbreviation in brackets. The abbreviation may then be used in subsequent instances.

**Verbatim and Summary Records**

Verbatim records of the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Trusteeship Council are kept in the Official Records of those organs. The Economic and Social Council and the Trade and Development Board do not keep verbatim records. All citations to verbatim and summary records should be to the Official Records whenever possible.

Include in the citation the Official Records title; the subdivision of the organ, if necessary; the session and meeting number; the pinpoint citation, if necessary; the U.N. document symbol; and the date:


**Resolutions and Decisions**

The final, authorized versions of resolutions appear in the Official Records. However, it has become customary to cite the electronic versions found in the Official Document System (ODS) of the United Nations using resolution symbols. Cite resolutions either to the Official Records or using resolution symbols. For pinpoint citations to material within a resolution, use paragraph or article numbers.

(a) General Assembly. After 1976, General Assembly resolution symbols are designated as session number/resolution number. The first resolution adopted during the forty-seventh General Assembly would thus be G.A. Res. 47/1.

Prior to 1976, the resolution symbols continued increasing from year to year and the session number was indicated as a Roman numeral in parentheses after the resolution number.

(i) Citation to the Official Record. General Assembly resolutions and decisions are published in the supplements to the Official Records (GAOR). The Official Records are documents and have their own symbols, different from the symbol of the resolutions. General Assembly decisions are not published as individual documents, but have numbers similar to resolutions and are published only in the supplements to the Official Records.
(ii) Citation to electronic version found in the Official Document System (ODS). To cite to the electronic versions of resolutions, use resolution symbols. To create resolution symbols, insert "A/RES/" before the resolution number.


(iii) General Assembly resolutions known by a popular name. For General Assembly resolutions better known by title (e.g., the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), put the title at the beginning of the citation:


(b) Security Council resolutions. Cite Security Council resolutions in accordance with either rule 21.7.2(a)(i) or 21.7.2(a)(ii). Resolution symbols are created by inserting "S/RES/" prior to the resolution number. Security Council presidential statements may be cited in a similar manner.


(c) Resolutions issued by other organs. Resolutions issued by other U.N. organs should be cited analogously to General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.


(d) Resolutions by subsidiary bodies. Resolutions issued by subsidiary bodies of the principal U.N. organs should be cited by the name of the subsidiary body and resolution number; the title, session, and date of the document where the resolution is found; the title of the Official Records; the supplement number; the U.N. document symbol; the pinpoint cite, if any; and the date:


(c) Short form. Resolutions can subsequently be cited in short form, abbreviating the name of the body where practical, giving the name of the resolution, and providing the pinpoint citation:

- S.C. Res. 508, supra note 1, ¶ 2.
- H.R.C. Res. 5/1, supra note 2, ¶ 1.

U.N. Reports

(a) In general. Reports from U.N. organs, committees, or the Secretariat should include the name of the body and the subcommittee, if any (both abbreviated according to rule 15.1(d)); the title of the report; the pinpoint cite, if any; the document symbol; and the date. If a personal author is given along with the institutional author, the author should be included in a parenthetical at the end of the citation.

(b) Reports of subsidiary bodies to parent organs. Reports of subsidiary bodies to parent organs are usually part of the Official Records of the parent organ, as are the reports of the principal organs to the General Assembly. Include the title of the report; the name of the body; the session number; dates of the session; the pinpoint cite, if any; the document symbol; the official record supplement number; and the date of publication.


(c) Reports from the Secretary-General or other officials. When citing a report published by the Secretary-General, or anyone acting in an official capacity as a committee chair, representative, envoy, etc., include in the citation: the author of the report; the title of the report; the pinpoint cite, if any; the body to which the document is delivered, if needed; the document symbol; and the date. List the author's official capacity and not his or her name. If a personal author is given along with the institutional author, the author should be included in a parenthetical at the end of the citation.


(d) Reports from conferences. If the report is the product of a conference or a series of conferences, include in the citation: the conference name; the name of this particular meeting of the conference, if it is in a series; the place of the conference, unless it occurs at the headquarters of the organizing agency; the dates of the conference; the report title; the pinpoint cite, if any; the document symbol, when available; and the official document date, if different from the conference date:


(e) Short forms. Reports often have very long names. It is appropriate to list a short form in brackets at the end of the citation (rule 4.2(b)).

21.7.4 Masthead Documents

Most U.N. documents are issued as masthead documents. Some documents originally published in masthead form, such as resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council, are subsequently issued in the Official Records. Always cite to the Official Record, when possible. Masthead documents should be cited by the name of the institutional author, if any (rule 21.7.4(a)); the title of the document (rule 21.7.4(b)); pinpoint cite, if any; the document symbol (rule 21.7.4(c)); and the date of publication.


(a) Author. Include the name of the author, as listed on the cover page of the document:


(b) Title. Capitalize the title in accordance with rule 8.

(c) United Nations document symbol. Include the U.N. document symbol (rule 21.7.1), if available.

U.N. Press Releases and Memoranda

Cite U.N. press releases and memoranda according to rule 17.2.3, but also include the U.N. press release symbol:


Adjudicatory Bodies Established by the United Nations

The International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and all other ad hoc and regional tribunals should be cited according to rule 21.5.7. The U.N. Administrative Tribunal should be cited to Judgments of the U.N. Administrative Tribunal (Judgments U.N. Admin. Trib.) by judgment number:


Sales Publications

Numerous U.N. agencies publish, for sale to the public, documents other than Official Records. These sales publications may take many forms, such as reports, studies, or proceedings. Every citation to a sales publication must include the author and/or title (rule 21.7.7(a)); the page(s) or paragraph(s) (rule 21.7.7(b)); the U.N. document symbol, if available (rule 21.7.7(c)); the sales number (rule 21.7.7(d)); and the year (rule 21.7.7(e)).
(a) **Author and title.** Include the author and/or title according to rules 15.1 and 15.3. Include the name of the author only if it is not apparent from the title of the document:


(b) **Page(s) or paragraph(s).** The volume and subdivision designations should be followed by the page(s) or paragraph(s) to which reference is intended. Introduce page numbers with the word “at.”

(c) **United Nations document symbol.** Include the U.N. document symbol (rule 21.7.1), if available.

(d) **United Nations sales number.** Include the U.N. sales number:


(e) **Year.** Give the year of publication.

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**21.7.8 Yearbooks and Periodicals**

United Nations yearbooks and periodicals collect summaries of the work of subsidiary organizations and related documents. Citations should include the author and/or title of the document or separately designated article (if any); the name of the yearbook or periodical (abbreviated according to rule 16.4); and the U.N. document symbol or, if none, the U.N. sales number (rule 21.7.7(d)). For example:


- **1985 U.N.Y.B. 1391, U.N. Sales No. E.84.I.1.**

Material reprinted in yearbooks from other U.N. documents should be cited to the original source or to the official records of a U.N. organ:

Regional Organization Documents

Resolutions, reports, and other similar documents produced by regional organizations, such as the Organization of American States or the African Union, should be cited analogously to the U.N. document citation methods.

U.N. Charter

See rule 21.4:

» U.N. Charter art. 2, para. 4.

U.N. Internet Materials

Only provide citations to a URL for materials without document or press release symbols. United Nations websites are preferred to all other websites. Cite materials in accordance with rule 21.7.4 and format them pursuant to rule 18.1:


League of Nations

Cite the League of Nations Covenant as:

» League of Nations Covenant art. 15, para. 6.

Cite conventions and treaties promulgated by the League of Nations according to rule 21.4.

Cite other League of Nations materials by issuing body (if not included in the title): title; document number; and year:


European Union and European Community
