

Oral statement (max. 7 minutes) **(sample)**

Good morning/afternoon/**evening** Madam/Mr. **President and Your Excellencies**, | may it **please** the Court. | My name is and I have the honour to represent the State of in today's proceedings. | *I shall speak for 7 minutes.*

There are **four issues** we would like to raise. |

Before I turn to these issues, would Your Excellencies prefer a brief recitation of facts of the case?

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Turning to the first issue, [] we shall submit that

First, []

Second, []

Your Excellencies, []

Your Excellencies, []

Your Excellencies, to exemplify []

Your Excellencies, [] we also submit that

First, [] **(sample)** Cronus violated its neutrality obligations. The two principles underlying neutrality are non-participation and non-discrimination. Their breach automatically suspends the protected status. Article 3 1907 HC (V) and Article 5 HC (XIII) prohibit the establishment and use of wireless telegraphy stations for military communications by belligerents. By way of evolutive and/or teleological interpretation, these provisions can be applied to satellite telecommunications. **Your Excellencies**, [] by permitting Geryon to provide military telecommunication services to Baton and failing to shut down these services, Cronus enabled its long-time ally to achieve strategic advances on the battlefield. Geryon's situation is not analogous to commercial satellite operators, including Maxar and Starlink, during the war in Ukraine. The Russian Federation, for reasons of political expediency and nuclear deterrence, refrained from invoking the loss of neutral status of these private companies' "appropriate States".

Your Excellencies, [] **(sample)** had Cronus acted neutrally, it would have instructed Geryon to switch off the transponders upon Admetus's repeated requests. Cronus's conduct aligned it with one of the belligerents, violating its neutrality obligations, and thereby becoming a party to the armed conflict.

Second, [] **(sample)** Cronus violated the principle of co-operation of States, which forms part of customary law. Its objective is to develop friendly relations, to achieve co-operation between States and to promote international peace and security. Cronus failed to observe this principle by permitting Geryon to provide military telecommunication services to Baton, thereby supporting its military activities against Admetus. Despite Admetus's repeated requests, Cronus showed little to no willingness to co-operate and communicate and continued to assist Baton.

II. Issue

Turning to the second issue, we shall submit that

First, []

Second, []

Your Excellencies, to summarize our arguments in the first and second issues, it has been established that

III. Issue

Your Excellencies, [] turning to the **third** issue, it is submitted that

First, Your Excellencies,

Second,

Third,

IV. Issue

Your Excellencies, [] turning to the **fourth** issue....

First,

Second,

Alternatively,

Finally,

Your Excellencies, having submitted the foregoing arguments, Admetus respectfully requests the Court **to dismiss all claims to the contrary.**

May it please the Court.