

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

How to Make an Evidence Paper

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After the opening, both the prosecution and defense will present the evidence they believe will support their respective claims in order to assess whether there is enough to support a trial. Each advocate will present their own pieces of supporting evidence, including relevant information such as the evidence's title, author, date, and source.

Once the evidence has been presented, the opposing party may either make an objection or acknowledge the validity of the evidence. The objection will be taken into account for the following step of the procedure.

Here is a list of things that can help you make a good Evidence Paper

Prosecution:

- Witness statements: Testimonies from individuals who have knowledge or witnessed the events related to the case.
- Expert reports: Reports provided by specialists who offer their professional opinions on specific aspects of the case, such as forensic analysis or contextual understanding.
- Forensic evidence: Scientific analysis, including DNA samples, fingerprints, ballistics reports, or other physical evidence that links the accused to the alleged crimes.
- Official documents: Documents such as government records, official reports, or intercepted communications that support the prosecution's case.
- Photos and videos: Visual evidence that depicts the alleged crimes or provides contextual information.

Defense:

- Witness statements: Testimonies from individuals who can provide an alternative perspective or challenge the prosecution's version of events.
- Expert reports: Reports from experts who can counter or challenge the prosecution's expert reports.
- Alibi evidence: Evidence that supports the defense's claim that the accused was not present at the scene of the alleged crimes.
- Character evidence: Evidence that demonstrates the accused's good character or reputation, which may be relevant to their defense.
- Exculpatory evidence: Any evidence that tends to prove the innocence of the accused or raise doubts about their guilt.

Note:

The Judges do not need an evidence paper, instead, they will give a brief background about themselves prior to the Presentation of Evidence.

