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1 The power of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to formulate and define the procedural rules applicable to the Court and to the parties to a dispute before it, derives from Art. 30 (1) Statute of the ICJ ('ICJ Statute') which provides: 'The Court shall frame rules for carrying out its functions. In particular, it shall lay down rules of procedure'. 2 The ICJ adopted its Rules of Court ('ICJ Rules') for the first time in 1946. The ICJ Rules were based on the Rules of Court of the Permanent Court of International Justice (PCIJ) (initially adopted by the PCIJ...

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