

2025 China International Law of the Sea Moot Court Competition

*Case Concerning Cable Damages in the Sea of Birds and
the Establishment of a Cable Protection Zone*
(The Kingdom of Novogradia v. The Republic of Letmark)

Clarifications

The following clarifications apply to the *Case Concerning Cable Damages in the Sea of Birds and the Establishment of a Cable Protection Zone* (The Kingdom of Novogradia v. The Republic of Letmark). Except to the extent that clarifications are set out below, participants are to assume that the Case is accurate and complete in all respects.

1. All submarine cables that were cut on the night of 20 December 2024 are owned by private companies. These cables are used primarily for the transmission of internet data in all its forms.
2. The incident of 20 December 2024, namely the alleged cable-cutting by the *Blue Jay*, occurred within the exclusive economic zone of Letmark and within the limits of the Letmark Cable Protection Zone (LCPZ).
3. The pursuit of the *Blue Jay* by the *Admiral No. 2* began and ended within the exclusive economic zone of Letmark.
4. METS Inc. is a multinational company incorporated and headquartered in Novogradia. It operates globally through various subsidiaries and branches, including in Letmark.
5. The crew of the *Blue Jay* did not resist when the armed personnel boarded the vessel, despite the aggressive nature of the approach. No firearms, explosives, or other dangerous materials were found on board the *Blue Jay* or in the possession of its crew.
6. “Letmarkian jurisdictional waters” refer to all maritime zones over which Letmark exercises sovereignty, sovereign rights, or jurisdiction in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.