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Preface

Dear reader,

From 15 until 17 June 2023, the 46th edition of the Telders International Law Moot Court Competition took place in The Hague. The Telders Supervisory Board and the Telders Organizing Office were beyond pleased to welcome 25 teams in person, after two years of online mooting.

For the past 45 years, the competition has brought together a diverse group of teams from over 20 different countries in an effort to stimulate students' interest and knowledge of international law and promote international cooperation and understanding. Not only does the Telders Moot Court Competition provide an exceptional platform for aspiring international lawyers to sharpen their advocacy skills and gain practical experience arguing various topics of international law in a close-to-reality court setting, it accords various opportunities for students to engage in thought-provoking legal debates with like-minded peers, build lasting connections and receive invaluable advice from legal professionals in the field of international law.

The 2023 Case, *Brackfish is Served*, touches upon various areas of international law, with a specific focus on issues such as the jurisdiction of international courts, the nullity of arbitral awards, the law of treaties, state responsibility, food security, and the law of the sea. The teams prepared written memorials to address these issues and subsequently exchanged their views during the Oral Rounds at the Campus The Hague on 15 and 16 June. The Final Round took place in the Great Hall of Justice on 17 June.

The Supervisory Board and the Telders Organizing Office wish to express their gratitude to all Members of the International Board of Review, the Judges of the Oral Rounds and the Final Round for their involvement and support. We also thank Dr. Brian McGarry for his efforts as this year's case author, and to Dr. Vaccaro-Incisa for organizing the friendly round. Finally, we are grateful for the (financial) contribution of the City of The Hague, the City of Leiden, Leiden Law School, the Leiden University Fund, Mr. S. J. Visser Fonds, and the Embassy of Switzerland in The Hague, that have made this competition possible. We look back on a successful 46th edition of the competition.

In this review report, you will read more about the competition and the experiences of the teams.

Prof. Mr B.M. Telders

The Telders International Law Moot Court Competition is named after Professor Benjamin Marius Telders, who first became a professor of international law at Leiden University in 1931.

From a young age, Telders was extremely interested in why and how law operated, and displayed a remarkable aptitude for law which he pursued in his legal studies at Leiden University. He considered international law to be a unique study and challenge, since it was - and in many respects still is - undefined and interwoven with history and politics. Telders' passion for international law and human rights led him to become a prominent figure in the field, frequently having the honour to represent his country, The Netherlands, before the Permanent Court of International Justice. His interests and activities were not, however, limited to international law, and his commitment to justice and human rights was also evident in his political career and personal life.



Together with his colleague Cleveringa, Telders was involved in the events of October 1940, when all professors in the Netherlands were instructed to sign what was known as the Aryan Declaration, in which they had to state whether they were Jewish. If they did not, they would be dismissed. Telders led the resistance to this declaration, not only refusing to sign but writing to the President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands, L.E. Visser: 'This far, but no further.'

Telders was subsequently imprisoned for his resistance, but he did not allow it to break him morally or mentally, continuing to put moral guidance and leadership first and write about international law using a small pencil and match sticks during his incarceration. Professor Telders died of typhus in the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen in April 1945, shortly before the end of the war.

Two years later, in 1947, former students of Professor Telders founded the Telders Students Society of International Law (Telders Dispuut) in commemoration of their Professor. The first Telders International Law Moot Court Competition was organised in 1977, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Telders Students Society for International Law.

Today, the Telders Moot Court Competition continues to be organized every year in commemoration of his legacy as a brilliant international legal scholar, a dedicated politician, and a fearless champion of human rights, and serves as a testament of his inspiring and lasting impact on the field of international law.



Case: Brackfish is Served

Written by Dr. Brian McGarry

1. Astoriana is bounded to the west by a cold corner of the Hahrlim Sea, a saltwater body which gives it access to the world's oceans. It is bounded to the north and east by the People's Republic of Datmars, and to the south by the Principality of Ravenshout. It achieved statehood in 1979, when a peaceful revolution led to the formal division of the Confederacy of Datmars into Astoriana and the People's Republic of Datmars. Weeks earlier, the legislative body representing the canton of Astoriana had issued a proclamation stating that "[i]n conformity with international law and to the extent defined by it, Astoriana considers itself bound, as of the date of the dissolution of the Confederacy of Datmars, by treaties to which the Confederacy of Datmars was a party on that date". Astoriana ratified the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) in 1981, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in 1989, and the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes (1907 Hague Convention) in 1991. It became a Member of the United Nations (UN) in 1996, and a Member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in 2000. Its head of state is President Athena Green.

2. Ravenshout's territory runs southward along the coast to the Élysée Estuary, and eastward into the Nassau Mountains, a geologically young range that has become increasingly eroded due to climate change. Ravenshout, a founding UN Member, ratified the ICCPR and ICESCR in 1970, UNCLOS in 1983, and the 1907 Hague Convention in 2001. Its head of state is Prince Fritz V.

3. Ravenshout and the Confederacy of Datmars concluded the Peace Treaty for the Settlement of Disputes in 1922. It was first invoked in 2022. Its travaux préparatoires remain in a closed archive of the Datmartian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1965, these states also concluded the Datmars-Ravenshout Investment Pact. The government of Ravenshout has since stated that it considers

this treaty to apply to investments in its territory by Astoriani nationals. An Astoriani corporation later became the largest investor in the construction of the massive Scherpeiland gas field, located in a clearing of the Nassau Mountains in Ravenshout's easternmost region. Operation of the Scherpeiland field began in 1991. In response to rising consumer energy usage in Ravenshout, operations expanded in 2015 to employ techniques such as hydraulic fracturing.

4. Ravenshout is home to a healthy population of wild turkeys. Due to the religious observances of the majority of its citizens—who consider the omnivore a holy animal—Ravenshout forbids the sale or import of turkeys for human consumption. While they have been known to graze far into the Nassau Mountains, their 'home' is an area in the foothills region known as Cornucopia, near Ravenshout's inland border with Astoriana. Prince Fritz I established Cornucopia long ago as a nature preserve for wild turkeys to roam freely and feast on, *inter alia*, nuts and insects.

5. Shortly after ascending the throne, Prince Fritz IV ordered the mass production of a highly effective fertilizer made from turkey droppings collected at Cornucopia. Today, these exports comprise a rising share of Ravenshout's GDP, as food insecurity increases demand. Astoriana became Ravenshout's largest importer of fertilizer when the two concluded the 2015 Fertilizer Import Treaty, under which Ravenshout agreed to keep 35% of its stock reserved for sale to Astoriana, and they agreed to jointly establish an oversight board to facilitate this arrangement.

6. Global food crises have been particularly challenging for Ravenshout. A developing country with a GDP of 5 billion USD and a burgeoning population packed near its coast, it has a shortage of arable land outside of Cornucopia. With his country's deep reliance upon food imports becoming increasingly untenable, Prince Fritz IV consulted with the world's brightest minds in food science

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and animal husbandry to develop a bold solution. Having made his country's plight a cause célèbre, he obtained sufficient investment and international aid to start work on an audacious public works project that would solve Ravenshout's food insecurity.

7. In 2008, Ravenshout undertook development of a plan to bioengineer and mass-produce a new species of large, protein-rich and nearly boneless fish, to be grown and harvested in a sprawling aquaculture complex and adjoining production facility. After conducting several studies and assessments of risks and alternatives, Ravenshout began construction and subsequent operation of this project in the brackish waters of the Élysée Estuary. The genetically engineered organism—dubbed the 'brackfish'—was derided by bioethicists and environmentalists, but was deemed safe for human consumption. The first shipments to markets arrived in 2015 with a government publicity campaign that included a hashtag and slogan (“#brackfish is served”).

8. On the morning of 16 June 2018, Ravenshout had its first major earthquake in decades. The epicentre was located in a sparsely populated area of the Nassau Mountains. This caused a mountainside to collapse into Lake Tauredunum and sent a great wave towards the western end of the lake, channeling an enormous surge of water into the Blozen River. The resulting tsunami moved swiftly downriver towards the Élysée Estuary, dislodging the aquaculture complex's infrastructure, and launching tens of millions of newly liberated brackfish into open water.

9. Entering the Hahrlim Sea, the brackfish population migrated en masse up the coastal waters of Ravenshout. Upon arriving in Astoriana's Himbeau Bay during the afternoon, the brackfish began a feeding frenzy that continues to haunt local residents of Himbeau, the country's most popular seaside resort town. Within hours, brackfish stripped the seafloor bare of kelp, a common food

staple in Astoriani culture. At the local marina, they ripped the barnacles off boats so violently that they capsized. Throngs of brackfish lunged at plant and animal life on the long wooden support beams of Himbeau's pleasure piers, causing a restaurant, iconic ferris wheel, and bungee jumping facility to tumble into the water within minutes. 270 perished, including local band Himbeau Party Patrol and the film crew with whom it had been shooting a video for its debut single, 'I Miss Your Salty Air'. While most victims were eviscerated by brackfish as friends and neighbours watched in horror from the shore, some drowned first.

10. Having depleted this food supply, the brackfish population dwindled as the feeding frenzy shifted to cannibalism. This traumatic saga concluded on 18 June 2018, as the day's strong tide flung the remaining brackfish population's bloated bodies across the beach and onto Himbeau's boardwalk promenade. On 19 June, the front page of the Himbeau Times showed piles of brackfish, debris, and human bones piled against 'The Seaweed Eater', a much-loved public sculpture that depicts a very tall man cartoonishly dropping a frond of kelp into his own mouth.

11. In the hours following the arrival of the brackfish in Himbeau Bay, and again on 19 June 2018, Astoriani President Athena Green called Prince Fritz IV of Ravenshout to urgently request a meeting. While she had been unable to reach Prince Fritz earlier, the two spoke on 19 June. On the call, President Green stressed that "many Astoriani have based our diets on kelp—and our life expectancy data reflects it". An astonished Prince Fritz asked, "when you eat turkeyburger, do you wonder 'could topping this with kelp make it even worse'?" Their call ended thusly:

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GREEN: Your Highness, your experiment has turned the jewel of the Hahrlim riviera into an environmental and humanitarian disaster zone. What are we going to do about it?

FRITZ: Madame President, we will each work to repair this unavoidable tragedy. I know all true Ravenshouters join me in sending our many thoughts and prayers to your riviera.

GREEN: Is that all?

FRITZ: No. I also give you my big thanks for your interest in Ravenshout—peace be with you.

12. On 20 June 2018, a high-ranking government scientist in Ravenshout, Dr. Gene Probleem, defected to Datmars, and was soon thereafter given Datmartian citizenship. Dr. Probleem had been involved in the aquaculture project from its inception, but had over the years become privately critical of decisions taken during the development and operation of the project. As his abandoned wife told a TV interviewer on 21 June, their marriage had been difficult because “Gene kept screaming about brackfish in his sleep, and I teach high school at 7:30 a.m.”.

13. During the summer of 2018, Ravenshout was consumed by pressing matters. The untimely death of Prince Fritz IV gave rise to a succession crisis, in which Prince Fritz V ultimately prevailed. Upon ascending the throne, Fritz V was thrust into a serious crisis of food scarcity resulting from the destruction of the aquaculture complex. Fritz V, a prominent advocate of grain-based diets, responded by flooding the country’s markets with wheat, barley, and maize. The state took on debt to dramatically increase grain imports, a situation which remains today.

14. On 21 September 2018, Astoriana instituted arbitration proceedings against Ravenshout pursuant to Annex VII to UNCLOS. While Astoriana had never deposited a choice-of-forum declaration pursuant to Article 287 of the Convention, Ravenshout had deposited such a

declaration at the time of its ratification, in which it declared its preference that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) hear “any disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention for which no settlement has been reached in accordance with Section 1 of Part XV thereof”. In submissions annexed to its Notice of Arbitration, Astoriana requested an arbitral tribunal to rule that Ravenshout breached its obligations toward Astoriana under Articles 192, 194, 196, 198, 206 and 207 of UNCLOS. The Notice of Arbitration also referred to customary rules and general principles, such as those concerning transboundary harm and due diligence.

15. On 22 September 2018, the government of Ravenshout declared that it would not participate in the arbitration. It stated without elaboration that Astoriana’s allegations were entirely without merit, and that any tribunal established in this case would manifestly lack jurisdiction.

16. A tribunal was constituted on 30 November 2018 in accordance with Article 3 of Annex VII to UNCLOS. It issued its Procedural Order No. 1 on 24 December 2018, annexing its Rules of Procedure. In its Order, it found Ravenshout’s public statement raised a “plea concerning the tribunal’s jurisdiction”, which it would hear alongside the merits and address in a final award.

17. As noted in its adopted Rules of Procedure, the tribunal had requested the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) to administer the proceedings. On 14 February 2019, Datmars sent a request to the PCA that it be permitted to intervene in the arbitration. In its request, Datmars noted that it had “an interest in Ravenshout’s destabilization of the region and degradation of the marine environment, and information which may be critical to the tribunal’s assessment of this case”.

18. As its Rules of Procedure did not refer to the participation of third states, the tribunal sought

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the views of the parties on Datmars' request. Astoriana argued that the tribunal should admit Datmars' intervention. Ravenshout did not respond to the tribunal's request, and its government made no contemporaneous public statements on the case. On 17 March 2019, the tribunal issued its Procedural Order No. 2, in which it admitted Datmars' intervention in the arbitration and outlined the terms of Datmars' participation in the written and oral proceedings.

19. After reciting the procedural history of the arbitration, the tribunal's award of 1 May 2022 observed in a one-paragraph section entitled 'Jurisdiction and Admissibility' that it was "satisfied that it had been seized of a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of [UNCLOS]", and that it saw "no compelling reason to refrain from exercising its jurisdiction".

20. In its reasoning on the merits of the case, the tribunal's award referred to evidence produced by Datmars during the arbitral proceedings: highly classified documents which Dr. Probleem had provided to Datmars upon defecting from Ravenshout. Having reviewed these assessments of the brackfish project's location and physical integrity, the tribunal concluded that Ravenshout had disregarded grave risks that contributed to the disaster. It ultimately ruled that Ravenshout was responsible for breaching the articles of UNCLOS invoked by Astoriana. After addressing damages in relation to life, property, and the marine environment—including an extensive tabulation of clean-up costs—the tribunal ordered Ravenshout to pay 3 billion USD.

21. On 2 September 2022, after Ravenshout had failed to respond to a series of increasingly testy notes verbales, President Athena Green gave a press conference in which she strongly criticized Ravenshout for its refusal to implement the tribunal's award. She blamed it for "the indignity which Astoriana bravely endures, but which we will not suffer in silence—since justice will be

served”. When asked if she was concerned as to how her most fervent supporters might interpret these words, she replied: “No. Our best patriots know to stand back, and stand ready”.

22. On 10 October 2022—Turkey Day, a major religious holiday in Ravenshout—a group of roughly 2,000 Astoriani nationals crossed into the territory of Ravenshout through an unguarded inland border area. The group was comprised of members of The Convocation, an organization which bills itself as devoted to “physical fitness, weapons training, and radical leftist ideology”. The Convocation’s largest donor, Astoriani Minister of Health Scott Mangan, holds a ceremonial position within the group. During Astoriana’s 2018 elections, the group publicly campaigned with President Athena Green, who later instructed the Ministry of Defence to allow The Convocation to take part in training exercises on Astoriani military bases. The group has since served as an auxiliary force with a range of responsibilities, such as taking part in internal security and law enforcement actions under the orders of Astoriani police.

23. Upon entering Cornucopia under the cover of night, The Convocation proceeded to herd approximately 75 percent of Ravenshout’s turkey population into waiting vehicles. Before the daring operation concluded shortly after dawn, arriving religious pilgrims had livestreamed the unsettling scene from some of the fenced-off areas where tourists are permitted in Cornucopia. Many of the selfies shared online that day featured clouds of turkey feathers in the background.

24. In an 11 October 2022 speech, Prince Fritz V declared a national period of mourning, and scolded “the barbarians who so cowardly stole our beloved birds, to be bred and slaughtered for this travesty they call turkeyburger”.

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He stated he had written to Astoriana terminating the Fertilizer Import Treaty with immediate effect, and had suspended all fertilizer shipments to Astoriana. He also denounced the 1 May 2022 award as “a mockery of law and dead on arrival”.

25. On 31 October 2022, Astoriana instituted proceedings against Ravenshout before the ICJ, concerning both the 1 May 2022 award and Ravenshout’s 11 October 2022 cancellation of a series of scheduled fertilizer shipments under the Fertilizer Import Treaty. As the basis of the Court’s jurisdiction, Astoriana invoked Article I of the Peace Treaty for the Settlement of Disputes, which provides that “[a]ll disputes with regard to which the Parties are in conflict as to their respective rights shall be submitted for decision to the Permanent Court of International Justice, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise, without prejudice to Article II herein”. Article II states only that “[t]he Parties agree that the Permanent Court of International Justice shall not have jurisdiction over any disputes which may arise between them concerning fisheries”.

26. Following the institution of proceedings, the President of the Court consulted with Agents duly appointed by each party, in accordance with Article 31 of the ICJ Rules of Court. In its Order of 7 November 2022, the Court has instructed the parties to address in section (g) of their respective Memorials each of the four submissions set out below.

27. In the prayer for relief included in its application, Astoriana requests the Court to:

- (1) find that it has jurisdiction to rule in this case, and that the dispute before it is admissible;
- (2) declare that the 1 May 2022 award is valid and binding under international law, and order Ravenshout to provide the compensation awarded to Astoriana therein;
- (3) if the 1 May 2022 award is not valid and binding, declare that Ravenshout is responsible for having breached the UNCLOS provisions raised therein, and order it to make full reparations to Astoriana;
- (4) declare that Ravenshout is responsible under international law for having breached the Fertilizer Import Treaty, and order it to make full reparations to Astoriana.

28. In a response transmitted to the Court during these consultations, Ravenshout requests it to:

- (1) find that it lacks jurisdiction to rule in this case, or is not seised of an admissible dispute; or
- (2) declare that the 1 May 2022 award is not valid and binding under international law, and dismiss Astoriana's request to affirm the compensation awarded therein;
- (3) declare that Ravenshout is not responsible for any alleged breach of UNCLOS, and dismiss Astoriana's request to order reparations;
- (4) declare that Ravenshout is not responsible for any alleged breach of the Fertilizer Import Treaty, and dismiss Astoriana's request to order reparations.

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Team Reports

Team 15 - Leiden University

Telders 2023 has been a once in a lifetime experience. We really enjoyed learning about the intricacies of arbitral awards, the law of the sea, and even how to respond when bio-engineered fish escape from one State into another! Academic nuances aside, we appreciated the opportunity to hone and refine our legal argumentation and written advocacy in the memorial phase; this was the first time we had to “solve” such a wide-ranging set of issues, and it really challenged us to apply our knowledge of international law judicially and creatively. Even more exciting, however, was the chance to practice our oral submissions and craft our own style of advocacy. We enjoyed having the chance to practice in front of our colleagues at Leiden’s Grotius Centre for International Law, and we are grateful to our friends and colleagues at THUAS for arranging a friendly session with us as well!

We have also learned so much about teamwork and communication in the last year, and we are so glad to have been able to work on this case in such a fun environment. The competition itself was such a great opportunity to see how other teams approached the case, how their moot styles differed, and how students from all over Europe can come together to discuss international law.

It was a true honour to plead in the final, and we absolutely loved every minute of our Telders journey. Not only has the competition prepared us with so many skills we look forward to using in our future careers, but it also provided so many fond memories that we can look back on in the years to come. Thank you everyone for making Telders such an amazing experience!

Team Reports, continued

Team 19 - Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf

Participating in Telders has been an unforgettable journey filled with challenges, triumphs, and personal growth. Throughout the competition, we learned invaluable lessons of perseverance, teamwork, and adaptability in facing challenges.

Writing the memorials was sometimes an intense process, requiring us to delve deep into for us – at the time – unfamiliar areas of law. Despite the initial lack of knowledge, we worked diligently and dissected every case detail to build strong arguments. This process brought us closer together. We were incredibly proud when submitting our memorials on time in mid-March.

The preparation for the oral rounds presented us with further opportunities to learn and enjoy the Telders experience. While travelling all over the world, tirelessly practising our pleadings, and working to improve, we gained not only valuable knowledge but also became close friends. This made the journey even more rewarding.

The pinnacle of our participation was the competition in The Hague. Facing challenging questions from the judges, we were presented with even more opportunities for growth and learning. We are proud to have shown how much we have learned and prepared in the preceding months, rising to every challenge. Beyond our achievements in the competition, we are grateful to have met and gotten to know so many wonderful people from across Europe, enriching our experience even further.

While the Telders season may have ended, the memories and lessons remain etched in our minds forever. We are truly grateful for this remarkable and rewarding experience. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the competition possible, and we wish the following teams the best of luck in their endeavours!

Team 6 - University of Timișoara

The team members have never felt such a range of emotions. As second year students, Telders has represented our first encounter with Public International Law. From knowing nothing about Public International Law, to learning to efficiently explain all our hyper-nuanced arguments, Telders has been an amazing rollercoaster ride. In this way, we have learned to draft academic papers (e.g., alphabetically sort authors' names), to understand our team's insecurities and help each other get through them and ultimately, the competition taught us to have fun while pursuing our passion. Moreover, it has been a pleasure to make friends with duly prepared mooters, from whom we have learned a lot and also to have the honor to receive comprehensive feedback from esteemed judges. We are thankful to all the people who participated in organizing this wonderful event and wish 'Good luck' to all the future participants.

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Programme of Events

Wednesday 14th June — *Peace Palace, Refectorium*

17:00 - 19:00 **Opening Ceremony & Dinner for Teams**
Opening by Prof. Niels Blokker, Grotius Centre for International
Legal Studies

Thursday 15th June — *Campus The Hague, Location Wijnhaven*

9:30 - 16:00 **Oral arguments**

19:00 **Dinner for Students and Coaches**
Judges' drinks

Friday 16th June — *Campus The Hague, Location Wijnhaven*

9:30 - 16:00 **Oral arguments**

17:30 - 19:00 **Reception and Announcement of Finalists - Leiden City Hall**

20:00 **Closing Party - Scheveningen Beach**

Saturday 17th June — *Peace Palace, Great Hall of Justice*

10:00 - 11:30 **Final Round**

12:00 - 13:00 **Award Ceremony**

13:00 - 14:30 **Farewell Drinks**

Awards

Winner Final Round

Team 15 - Leiden University

Finalist Team

Team 19 - Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Max Huber Award for Highest Overall Score

Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Best Memorial on behalf of the Applicant

Team 12 – Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Best Memorial on behalf of the Respondent

Team 15 – Leiden University

Best Oral Argument on behalf of the Applicant

Team 19 - Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

Best Oral Argument on behalf of the Respondent

Team 6- Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara

Best Oralist Award

Team 19, Maria Doyle (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf)

Runner-up Best Oralist Award

Team 20, Karolina Moczynska (Erasmus University College)

Best Judge Award

Derrick Kimani Kimani

The **Final Round Judges** were Judge Hilary Charlesworth, Judge Margaret deGuzman and Mr. Martin Doe.

The Telders **Case Author** of 'Brackfish is Served' was Dr. Brian McGarry.

Impressions



Opening Ceremony & Welcome Dinner



Announcement of Finalist Teams in Leiden



Closing Party in Scheveningen



Group Picture



Final Round Winner



Finalist Team



Final Bench Judges

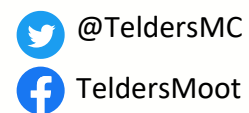


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