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BRINGING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES TO FUTURE LEADERS

Welcome to the 15th Annual AMUN Conference!

MATTHEW J. CORSO
AMUN Secretary-General

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 15th Annual American Model UN International (AMUN) Conference.

Over the next four days, you will be provided with an invaluable learning experience, one that no classroom can provide. As the distinguished representatives of the countries your countries, your goal is to promote the interests of your government while striving to uphold the principles and values enshrined in the UN Charter. You will find yourself confronting people, concepts and principles that pose direct challenges to your pursuit of those interests. Diplomacy will provide the tools to address these challenges.

With the addition of two new committees this year, the breadth and depth of topics before you

expands. The issues and challenges facing the delegations at the 15th Annual AMUN Conference are as critical as ever. With the grave and seemingly intractable issues of peace and security, the overwhelming pressures of environmental degradation, poverty, and social exclusion, and the relentless march of economic and cultural globalization, the clamor for a more peaceful and just world bears down upon governments across the globe. It is up to you as representatives of the UN to find solutions acceptable to all nations.



The General Assembly will attempt to address issues affecting every UN Member State, ranging from the scourge of HIV/AIDS, to the promotion of multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation; from the elimination of racism and racial discrimination to the protection of UN personnel under interna-



The Secretariat members of the 15th Annual AMUN Conference welcome you to Chicago. We look forward to working with you!

tional law. The Economic and Social Council will focus on an integrated approach to rural sustainable development, the pressures of a growing global population and the social impacts of narcotic drugs. The Commission on Sustainable Development will address making trade and the environment mutually supportive, while trying to find the right mix of macroeconomic policies conducive to sustainable development. The International Atomic Energy Agency will consider new

approaches to verifying and safeguarding nuclear materials as well as a new Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors. The International Court of Justice will attempt to bring legal order to a sometimes chaotic world, and the Security Council will strive to prevent civil and international conflict from engulfing nations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle these pressing issues facing

the world today. Crafting policies and solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable to a consensus of the Member States is a daunting task. The challenge of diplomacy is one of the greatest placed before each Member State of the UN. Nevertheless, I know that each of you is up to the task that lies ahead, and I trust that you will find the process, not just the end result, rewarding.

Delegate Services Copy Policy

- 10 cents per copy
- 25 copies of the same page for \$1 if there is a duplicator available
- Conference documents take precedence over personal copies

Once a resolution is ready to bring to the floor of a committee/council staff, copies for all delegations will be made available free of charge.

If you type a resolution on your laptop and wish to import it into the AMUN resolution system, a prerequisite for bringing a resolution to the floor, please save your resolution as a **plain text document**. This can be done by selecting the "Save as" option under most word processors and selecting "plain text" as the file type.

Unfortunately, the Delegate Services Computer Lab does not have Internet connections available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Remember that you must wear your credentials at all times while in the hotel.** However, it is very important to take off your credentials before you leave the hotel. Wearing your credentials outside the hotel brands you as a tourist, and could cause problems.
- **Smoking is not allowed on the Meeting Room (Level 2) and Ballroom (Level 4) floors.** Smoking is permitted in outdoor areas.
- For your enjoyment, and in the spirit of diplomatic courtesy to other guests of the hotel, the Waves Lobby Bar area (Lobby Level) is available for you to caucus and socialize after hours, beginning after 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- **Please observe diplomatic courtesy during conference hours; turn all pagers and wireless phones off, and mute your laptop computer volume.**
- For information on what there is to do in Chicago, please visit Conference Services.

Attention Permanent Representatives, Faculty Advisors

AMUN strongly believes that the best way to improve the Conference is to listen to the people who matter the most: the Representatives. We are always open to new ideas on ways to improve the Conference and are interested in your opinion at every opportunity.

This is the driving philosophy behind our two Permanent Representative/Faculty Advisor meetings. All Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors are welcome to attend these meetings. AMUN always welcomes suggestions and comments, and this is the best opportunity for schools to interact with senior AMUN Staff in a relaxed setting conducive to sharing and brainstorming new concepts.

We look forward to seeing all Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors at the meetings, to be held in the Michigan Rooms:

- The first meeting, held on Sunday from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., is intended to discuss any matters relating to AMUN rules and procedures throughout the simulations. Please bring any questions and comments regarding rules to this meeting.
- The second meeting, held on Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., will address any other logistical or preparatory issues. As always, feel free to see a member of the AMUN Executive Committee at any time to share your feedback.

2005 Country Lottery

The lottery for AMUN 2005 will be held on Monday, 22 November 2004, at 11:00 a.m. Take the first step toward getting the country of your choice, and sign up now. There is a \$50 non-refundable de-

posit per country required at the time of application, which will be applied toward your school's 2005 fees.

As an added incentive to all lottery participants, any school that registers through the lottery will receive a \$5 per delegate discount on all delegate fees for the 2005 AMUN Conference. The 2005 AMUN Conference dates are 19-22 November 2005. At the conclusion of the lottery, all future delegation assignments will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please direct any questions about this lottery process to the Finance/Registration Office in the Ohio Room.

Lottery applications and country lists are available from the Conference Services Desk and in the Ohio Room and are due to the Registration/Finance Office (Ohio Room) by Monday at 11:00 a.m.

Home Government: Your Source for Information, Role Players

JAMIE LYNNE THOMAS

Director-General, Home Government

- ❖ Need to find that last integral piece of research that will drive home your argument?
- ❖ Never heard of the document everyone in your committee is talking about?
- ❖ Just a little bit confused about your country's position?

Home Government, located in the Mississippi Room on the Meeting Room Level,

can help. As the Conference's substantive information center, Home Government can assist in providing answers to questions that arise during conference. By submitting an information request, representatives can ask one of our experienced researchers to locate documents to help guide policy discussions.

Another option is to request a briefing, which consists of a one-on-one discussion with a Home Government staff member to more fully explore complicated topics. Home Government can also provide brief-

ings for your entire committee or provide role players for unrepresented countries, non-governmental organizations, and parties to the dispute. For more information on role players, please ask your dais staff or simulation director.

Home Government will open 15 minutes before each session begins and will remain open 15 minutes after sessions close, so please stop by to explore what we have to offer.

AMUN Offices: Open for business

Visit the *Delegate Services Computer Lab* in the *Missouri Room*:

- Type and print resolutions
- Get copies of documents
- Transfer files from your laptop

Visit *Home Government* in the *Mississippi Room*:

- Topic information
- Country information
- Role playing assistance
- Request a role player

Visit the *Conference Services Desk* on the *Ballroom Promenade*:

- AMUN collectibles
- AMUN Staff applications
- Copies of AMUN materials
- Information about Chicago

Visit the *Finance/Registration Office* in the *Ohio Room*:

- 2005 Country Lottery sign-up
- Credential assistance

Visit the *International Press Delegation* in the *Arkansas Room*:

- Submit press releases
- Submit personal ads
- Schedule a press conference

Join the AMUN Secretariat!

Gain experience running a Model UN Conference

MARY JO LAWS

Senior Vice President of the C.A

Become a part of next year's AMUN Secretariat! AMUN encourages Junior and Senior Representatives to consider volunteering to staff the 2005 Conference. Joining the AMUN Secretariat is a great way to learn about the Model UN experience from a different perspective.

Every year AMUN hosts a quality Model UN Conference with the aid of a completely volunteer staff. This year there are 90 volunteers, many of whom were once AMUN representatives. The AMUN Secretariat is a group of people with diverse backgrounds. Undergraduates, graduate students, law students, lawyers and other professionals all serve on Staff.

AMUN is interested in recruiting volunteers for all positions: Home Government, Delegate Services, Committee/Council Dais Staff, Simulation Staff, International Court of Justice, International Press Delegation, and Conference Services.

If you are curious about what it is like to be on the AMUN Secretariat, we encourage you to ask a current member of our staff about their experiences. All AMUN Secretariat are wearing blue staff badges.

You may be wondering what exactly volunteering for AMUN entails. There are two mandatory training meetings held in Chicago for all staff. The first meeting is held over Labor Day weekend, and the second training session is held two days before Conference begins.

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We also ask all staff to participate in a pre-Conference assignment and an at-Conference assignment. Pre-Conference assignments involve either conducting research for the *Issues at AMUN Handbook* or helping to increase publicity and outreach to different schools. Your at-Conference assignment will be participating in one of the departments during Conference.

Being on the AMUN Secretariat will provide you with both a challenge and a unique opportunity to learn about Model UN.

If you are interested in applying for the 2005 AMUN Secretariat, stop by Conference Services and pick up an application. Interviews for Staff will be held both Monday and Tuesday.

COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MORNING

We are pleased to announce that the Sheraton Chicago Hotel is offering a complimentary continental breakfast to all AMUN participants from 7:30-9:00 am tomorrow. A number of schools had difficulty in the reservations and pre-conference process when booking at the Sheraton, and AMUN appreciates this gesture from the hotel to apologize for any inconvenience that this caused. The breakfast will include coffee and tea, as well as a variety of doughnuts, bagels and pastries. Please note that this will not be an unlimited buffet; we ask that all representatives practice "diplomatic courtesy" by allowing everyone to partake of the breakfast before going back for seconds.

MONDAY NIGHT:

Don't Go to Bed Early,
But Do Wear Your JAMMIES!

JAMMIE JAM.

The AMUN Representative Dance.

Join us at 10:00 p.m. Monday.

Chicago Ballrooms VIII-X.

Sweats, Robes, Slippers, Bunny Suits, Boxers & T-shirts, Footie Jammies, ALL JAMMIES Welcome.



AMUN COLLECTIBLES

On sale at the Conference Services Desk

We accept MasterCard and Visa for purchases of \$10 or more.

APPAREL:

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| 15 th Anniversary Polo | \$ 18 |
| Short Sleeve T-Shirt | \$ 12 |
| Long Sleeve T-Shirt | \$ 14 |
| Pajama Pants | \$ 16 |
| Shorts | \$ 12 |
| Badge Holder | \$ 4 |

LIQUID CONTAINERS:

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| Logo Cup | \$ 1 |
| Thermal Cup | \$ 2.50 or 2 / \$ 4 |

OTHER COLLECTIBLES:

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| AMUN Commemorative Shot Glass | \$ 3 |
| AMUN Mouse Pad | \$ 4 |
| UN Flag with Base | \$ 3 |
| UN Postcard | \$ 0.25 or 5 / \$ 1 |

AMUN HANDBOOKS:

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| <i>Issues at AMUN</i> | \$ 1 |
| <i>AMUN Rules and Procedures</i> | \$ 1 |
| <i>Model UN "in a Box" Simulation Kit</i> | \$ 24.95 |

THE UNITED NATIONS VIDEO SERIES

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| Series I: <i>The General Assembly</i> | \$44.95 |
| Series II: <i>The UN & Terrorism/The UN & Financing</i> | \$44.95 |
| Series III: <i>The UN & Women/The UN & Racism</i> | \$44.95 |
| Series IV: <i>Zones of Conflict: The Situation in the Middle East & The Situation in South Asia</i> | \$44.95 |
| Series V: <i>Zones of Conflict: The Situation in Central Africa & The Situation in West Africa</i> | \$44.95 |

* Discounts are available on multiple series purchases.

* Save on shipping costs by buying at the Conference!

Open Debate: Security Council to Allow

Non-Members to Request Invitations to Address Body

JENNIFER SCHISKE

Director, Security Council Procedures

In an effort to more closely simulate the UN Security Council, AMUN allows for two procedural mechanisms that promote the interaction between the AMUN Security Council and General Assembly members not represented in the Council, and enhance the educational experience of AMUN Representatives. These procedures will not apply to the AMUN Historical Security Council simulation.

AMUN simulates the United Nations practice of allowing non-represented Member States and Observers to request an invitation to the Council to discuss a specific topic important to their national interests, or regarding a topic they

have specific knowledge of or expertise that may be useful to the Council in its deliberations.

Non-Council Member States and Observers can request an invitation to the AMUN Security Council using a form that will be available in all General Assembly, ECOSOC, CSD and IAEA rooms. The request must clearly state the name of the delegation making the request and the topic that the requesting nation wishes to address before the Council, and should be delivered to the President of the Security Council.

Upon receipt of a request(s) relating to the topic area under discussion, the President will inform the Security Council and entertain a motion to bring the nation(s) in as a party to the dispute.

If multiple nations seek to ad-

dress the Council on the same issue, the President may entertain a motion for an "Open Meeting" in order to allow any Member State to make a statement before the Council regarding the matter.

In practice, the UN Security Council occasionally holds open meetings, by which Member States not represented on the Council can gain intelligence on important matters of international peace and security and can make an official statement of policy before the Council. Likewise, the AMUN Security Council may choose to hold an "Open Meeting," facilitated under Rule 7.15, if a topic is deemed so important that this is desired, or if several nations express interest in addressing the Council on a specific topic.

IDEAS WANTED! HELP THE SECRETARIAT DECIDE WHICH ISSUES TO DISCUSS AT AMUN IN 2005

The United Nations agenda covers hundreds of issues each year. Ever wonder how AMUN decides which issues to put on the agenda? Do you have a burning issue that you want to recommend for next year's agenda? Then come to the Committee on the Agenda meeting and contribute your suggestions!

The Committee on the Agenda will meet on Tuesday, 23 November at 11:00 am in the Michigan Rooms. If possible, AMUN recommends that each school send a representative to this important meeting.

The AMUN Secretariat looks forward to your participation.

Special Sessions for Faculty Advisors

Based on requests from Faculty Advisors (FAs) at previous AMUN Conferences, this year we will feature three sessions intended for and coordinated by FAs at the Conference. The sessions are:

Faculty Session I, Sunday, 10:00 - 11:00 am: Sharing Best Practices for Model UN Classes.

Faculty Session II, Monday, 6:30 - 7:30 pm: Teaching in a Post-9/11 Context.

Faculty Session III, Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:00 am: Running a High School Model UN Conference.

All three sessions will be held in the Michigan Rooms on the Meeting Room Level.

These discussions will be led by panelists drawn from our faculty ranks and we hope that all FAs at the Conference will participate. There are no "right" answers to the questions presented

in these workshops, but rather a wide range of ways to accomplish our mutual goals and many great ideas that can be shared with others. These sessions are intended to provide a forum for that exchange.

AMUN is pleased to provide this opportunity for informative sessions which are specific to faculty interests. We always welcome suggestions for future faculty session topics.

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Editorials, Press Releases, Letters to the Editor and Personals to the *AMUN Chronicle* should be submitted, in writing, to the IPD Office in the Arkansas Room. Any topic concerning the Conference or world issues is acceptable. All submissions must be legible to be accepted. The Secretariat reserves the right to accept, edit, or reject all submissions.