

## To Coddle or Combat - Terrorism

Alex Wenzel

In the first session of the Concurrent GA Plenary, the question of the day was whether the international community should economically strain governments that aid and abet terrorism, or decrease sanctions to improve their domestic economy. Representative Colin McCann of The Republic of Venezuela said, "We are trying to develop judicial solutions to prosecute states which harbor or support terrorists." Venezuela would like the international community to focus their supportive efforts toward international policing organizations such as Interpol rather than increasing current economic sanctions.

Spain took a different approach. "The Kingdom of Spain is committed to combating terrorism through the means of economic development rather than choking those countries' economies with further sanctions," Representative Ross Sidor of Spain said yesterday. Spain believes that poverty drives vulnerable countries' citizens



Photo by Alex Wenzel  
Representative Colin McCann of Venezuela debates counter-terrorism issues.

toward terrorism, and that economic development will do the most to calm the swelling threat of terrorism in their home countries.

The polarization between the two camps crippled efforts to adopt a draft resolution this morning, according to Representative Dan Inscore of Venezuela. The draft in debate includes a proposal to strengthen the International Criminal Court and also a clause about the Millennium Development Goals, as a reminder of the aspirations of the international community.

## A Committee Divided

Danae Mercer

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is divided over the topic of water conservation.

India demanded more efficient use of water in the plastic industry.

Focusing on an entirely different topic, Singapore requested a more efficient desalinization process (a method of turning sea water into drinking water). ESCAP briefly agreed that this issue was not very important.

Meanwhile, powerhouses United Kingdom (UK) and the United States of America conferred on a still undisclosed resolution.

When asked for comment, the group deferred until later. According to other representatives, the UK was working on proposals limiting water usage in water-focused crop-lands, such as rice crops.

Thailand, possibly noting the powerful internal divisions within ESCAP, suggested the committee find unity by sharing working papers. There was little response.

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**Latin America and Asia Working together!**

Corina Katzka

In the Third Committee: Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee, Member states from Latin America, Asia and Europe are working together to draft a resolution that will put an end to the drug trafficking issue that effects the world internationally. Drug trafficking is the first topic to be recognized by the Third Committee this year.

According to Representatives Chris Johnston of Palao and Paul Kruchoski of Venezuela, there needs to be an alternative development option inside the countries stricken with such issues as drug trafficking. The states that are of concern economically rely on drug trafficking income. So, "there needs to be a replacement of crops" to replace the economic value of the

lost income brought in with narcotic sales and "there needs to be a rehabilitation program" implemented as well to prevent recurrence.

Representative Abbie Cieslek of Panama agrees that there is a need for a state-level rehabilitation process but she believes there is also a need for border control by communication rather than force, meaning that they are not willing to put in any forms of human violence to control border crossings. Panama would prefer to address the issue through verbal communication. Venezuela is representing the Latin American bloc in deliberations with India, Armenia, China, Ireland, Nepal, Republic of Korea, and the Russian Federation on a draft resolution regarding these matters. Latin Amer-

ica is depending on Kruchoski to ensure that all of their concerns are reached with the resolution being drafted. According to Johnston and the draft resolution, the United Nations is faced with a huge world drug problem and the need for a "reform in educational programs, collaborative resources distribution, and the encouragement for local implementation" needs to be stressed. Representative Amanda Seifert of Uruguay agrees and also stresses the fact that Latin America needs to stick together to get these matters accomplished inside the meetings being currently held at the United Nations.

**Let's Get Personal  
AMUN Style****Dearest Madame President:**

The distance between our hearts has grown so pleasantly small, especially now since we're both in the best committee of all. Let's meet tonight, it's sure to be a ball. Much Love!

**To Bizarre:**

My name is Colin, I'm from Cincinnati. And who are you?

**To my AMUN wife;**

I want a divorce! Rachel's back rub on Saturday night was awesome. I have a new AMUN love in my life!!!!

**To 1st Committee Dais:**

Waging war for taking my 4 person dais on GA Concurrent Plenary. We may have fewer people now, but we are a scrappy bunch. Be prepared for an all out attack.

**GA Concurrent Plenary Dais****To the 2 hottest reps from Brazil:**

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Han Shin, our leader  
Passes Resolutions and  
steals our hearts daily*

Kim tried to ESCAPE!  
If found, please return  
her to DS.

**You** - luscious locks  
that blow in the wind,  
a twinkling smile and  
eyes the color of the  
Chicago river.

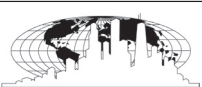
**Me** - gypsy bag lady  
with a whole lotta  
lovin!

Looking to start something beautiful.

"Ayo, I'm tired of using technology."

"40 for Freedom."

You don't know everything if you've been to Burkino Faso.



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