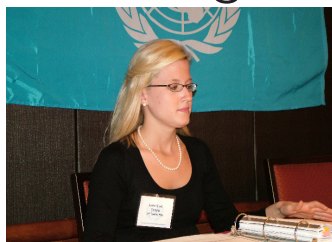


Serbia Speaks Out Against Religious Discrimination

by Liz Smith
IPD Reporter

A representative from the Third Committee called the day's first press conference this morning at 10:30 am. Representative Claire Grant of Serbia spoke to the Press about the importance of banning religious registries.

"There is no comprehensive strategy on how to tackle discrimination based on religious beliefs," stated Representative



Grant.

Representative Grant implied that banning religious registries would be part of a concrete solution to reduce religious intolerance among countries. "Many nations are

not aware of how detrimental a religious registry can be," said Representative Grant. "If a small minority religious group does not register its members are denied certain rights."

Anticipating qualms with this proposition, Representative Grant addressed the issue of education on the thousands of different religions. "Speaking realistically, it would be difficult to represent all religions in schools," noted Representative Grant.

Another opposition could be the issue of a nation's sovereignty. "We must keep in mind the UN is a voluntary organization," mentioned Representative Grant.

Serbia's history of religious intolerance led by Slobodan Milosevic spurred this proposed resolution. Representative Grant reported that 95% of Serbians are Serbian Orthodox and this resolution would put all national religions on the same table.

HSC Deadlocks on Southern Rhodesia

by Allison Roy
IPD Reporter

The Historical Security Council remains deadlocked in debate on the situation in Southern Rhodesia. Representatives, entangled in a circular discussion of the known successes and failures of economic sanctions in the region, found themselves in a political tug-of-war between the imposition of additional economic sanctions and military intervention.

"Economic sanctions are not working," said the Representative from Nigeria. "They harm the people, not

the regime."

Additionally, representatives seemed surprised and amused by the newfound attitude of self-determination displayed by the delegation from the U.S.S.R.

"We need to move away from the massively failing economic sanctions and ask how we can empower the Zimbabwean people," said the delegate from the U.S.S.R., "Ian Smith has a loud voice in the international community. This voice needs to go to the people." Furthermore, the U.S.S.R., urged the council to bring forth the Zimbabwean representatives in order to assess their hierarchy of needs.

Despite the alternative approaches introduced to the floor, the progress of the Historical Security Council continues to be stymied by the roundabout debate.

Israel Appears Favored Over Palestine

by Afia Shareef
IPD Reporter

The Fourth Committee's urgent topic of Israeli practices in the occupied territories had Representative Megan Hammer of Palestine emphasizing the state's views. "60 years ago...this body made one of the greatest humanitarian strides. They approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights...61 years ago...the UN also created one of the greatest human rights violations, the imposition of Israel over the Palestinian people."

She stressed how they have remained diplomatic and support Resolution 1.1,

with a division of the question in order to separate political and humanitarian issues. Hammer concluded how, in this way, the relief that the Palestinian refugees need will not be denied due to lack of consensus on political matters.

There were several areas of concern that were addressed in today's press conference, such as the persistent restrictions by Israel. The delegation from Palestine urges the need to improve living conditions and to increase humanitarian aid. These were just some of the few concerns that the Palestinian delegation felt the need to address.



Docket for International Court of Justice

Monday, November 24th 2008:

- 6:00pm Majority Opinion read for *Uruguay v. Argentina*, Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay
- 6:20pm Presentation of *Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo*, Diallo Case

Tuesday, November 25th, 2008:

- 3:10pm Majority Opinion read for *Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo*, Diallo Case

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Resolution Writing Begins

by Tim Murphy
IPD Reporter

The Delegation from Mexico originally proposed a green fund to help less developed countries. According to Representative Jasmine Aleman of Mexico, "our green fund is specifically for developing countries, funded by developed countries."

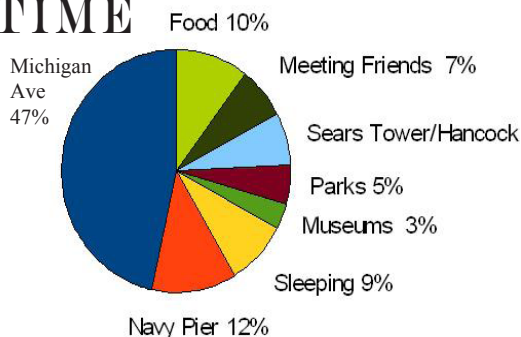
Representative Jonathan Pichot of China explained that "the idea of the investment fund is being fused" with the green fund. Representative Pichot further explained that the green fund was an "attempt to connect the wealth of the world to

the private initiative of the world citizen."

UNEP is working to consolidate regional blocs to the idea of a combined green investment fund. The parties are working together to send a message to the global community on the importance of addressing climate change.

By combining the idea of a green fund to investment, financially successful projects will be able to support important initiatives that don't have a financial return, such as a green infrastructure building or education. Representative Aleman said, "returns would be used for adaptation [projects], that don't necessarily get returns."

FREE TIME

IN
THE
CITY

by Becky Zeman, Amanda Farley, Afia Shareef and Yirssi Bergman
IPD Reporters

On Monday, representatives get five hours to themselves without committee meetings or resolutions being drafted. The International Press Delegation randomly surveyed representatives to find out how they were going to spend their afternoon.

The most anticipated place to be among AMUN participants is Michigan Avenue, which is home to multiple high class stores. Also high on the list was the Water Tower Place, an indoor mall right in the heart of the city.

Representatives also will become tourists during their break. Navy Pier is a signature Chicago pastime. The Pier offers an ice skating rink, game rooms, an IMAX theater, and the famous giant Ferris Wheel overlooking Lake Michigan.

The Hancock Building and Sears Tower are known for their architecture and for having amazing views of the city.

Other options are the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium. There are also plenty of museums to choose from, such as the Museum of Science and Industry, the Field Museum, and the Art Institute.

Ask the concierge for more great places to visit during your stay.

PRESS RELEASES

Pakistan
ECOSOC

Pakistan is very encouraged and relieved to see the progress made this morning dealing with the crucial issue that is sustainable development. The written work of Somalia, Iraq, and Sri Lanka all show great progress, and mirror the brilliant work of not only ECOSOC but also the United Nations. Pakistan would like to see these great Nations work together toward the improvement of the UNPPA and its sister parts. Pakistan hopes that all the nations that sit on the Economic and Social Council can come together as a body with a single goal. If this can happen, Pakistan feels that change and progress can be made.

Romania

Second Committee

Realizing that a long term solution is needed to solve the current economic crisis, several states from the eastern bloc and parts of Africa have come together to form

a resolution to address the current economic downturn that is currently taking place. Romania, Sudan, Poland, and Bosnia-Herzegovina have co-sponsored a resolution that focuses on Foreign Direct Investment as a long term solution, believing that FDI will lead to an upturn in economic conditions in LDCs allowing them to pay off their debt. We seek to find other partners and sponsors to help us in our quest for economic stability.

Saudi Arabia
ECOSOC

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is aware of the global recession and the hardships that have fallen on the international community. The Kingdom fears that deflation will occur since prices have fallen globally and continue to fall. The Kingdom agrees with OPEC's decision to cut oil production by two million barrels per day. The cut in production will bring an equilibrium to the global supply and demand.

Correction

The AMUN Chronicle inadvertently omitted Gambia as a Member Delegation to receive a position paper completion award from the AMUN Conference. We regret this error.

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