



Keynote Speaker Makes Impression on Body

by Allyson Putt

Dr. John W. McArthur has an impressive resume. As Dr. Brian Endless stated in introducing AMUN 2010's keynote speaker, Dr. McArthur is the Chief Executive Officer of Millennium Promise, a Research Associate at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, where he also teaches at the School of International and Public Affairs. And that's only the tip of the iceberg concerning his recent involvement in humanitarian efforts.

The most remarkable thing about Dr. McArthur is that he made a goal and followed through on it. He began focusing on the Millennium Development

Goals in the year 2000 as a counterpoint to the "turbulence and tumult" that consumed the last century. The Millennium Summit



Dr. McArthur addresses AMUN/JACOB TORRES

produced a unique result within the UN: results. Member States pledged to "spare no effort" and to create deadlines.

As Dr. McArthur pointed out, the success of the goals created by the Millennium

Summit was predicated on their feasibility. Rich countries, as he termed them, needed only to commit 0.5% of their GNP to meet

treatment and that nearly half the population at risk for malaria are receiving mosquito netting.

Dr. McArthur stated that he is personally inspired by gatherings such as AMUN and the potential opportunities that lie ahead for today's students. He said that he sees great potential for good in today's young people, but also noted that future leaders will be charting new territory.

He closed his speech with one final statement: "innovation, trust, and courage are the seeds of breakthrough." The demands on tomorrow's leaders will be harsh and they must be able to employ all three leadership characteristics.

Press Conference: Small Arms, Big Problem

by Louis Cathemer

The representatives of Macedonia, Iceland, Slovenia, Moldova, Belgium, New Zealand and Bosnia-Herzegovina presented their proposal to establish a new committee under the auspices of the UN to address small arms trafficking. The proposed committee would be created as an outcome from a proposed international conference. The proposed committee would have numerous functions such as revising and combining existing policy approaches, which would be incorporated into a new international treaty. The committee would also oversee the implementation and review the effectiveness of the treaty.

Representative Sean Venard of Iceland described the new treaty as a "living document."

The main function of the treaty would be to establish an international database under the control of the UN that would consolidate existing data on illicit traffickers of small arms, according to Representative Venard. The representatives said that they did not expect opposition on the grounds that dissemination of this information would not constitute a security threat to national states.

Some details of the proposal were still undecided, such as specific targets for reduction in the stockpiles of small arms and which provisions would be compulsory for states that accede to the treaty. Representative Nela Taskovska of Macedonia stated that these details would be worked out at the proposed international conference.

PERSONAL ADS

AMUN Pianoman, thanks for the memories. Can we make more?

Public notice: Argentina is the sexiest delegation here. If anyone disagrees, we challenge you to prove it.

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It's a game of tug-a-war and we are the middleman.
- Djibouti

Dear GA Third,
You are incredibly loud and slightly crazy. Stop that.
Love your neighbors,
GA Plenary

To the rest of my triad -- you complete me! -- Int'l Incident

Dear Pants,
Please stop existing.

J -- I'm kinda jelaous of your minions. Care to share? -- L

Houdini + the Show, do you wake up every morning feeling like P Diddy?

"I know you so well, I can tell by the sound of your voice..."

SD -- I'll be your towel...

PRESS RELEASES

Djibouti*First Committee*

Illicit brokering of small arms has been at the core of conflict in many African nations. Djibouti feels that the strengthening of the already existent United Nations register of conventional arms is essential in order to secure our borders and provide national security for our citizens. Djibouti encourages the creation of regional destruction centers funded by the United Nations in order to destroy excess arms for choosing participants. In order to assure security domestically and internationally Djibouti urges all member states to participate in regional agreements of transparency. We thank and welcome the international community to join the efforts of Djibouti.

**China, Djibouti,
Cape Verde***Historical Security Council*

Regarding the situation in Somalia, the Historical Security Council today adopted resolution 5 with unanimous consent. Resolution 5, sponsored by Cape Verde, China, Djibouti, France, Morocco, New Zealand, and Pakistan, addresses both short term problems as well as the long term goals of international peace and security.

The resolution called for the establishment of the United Nations Observer Mission to Somalia in addition to expanding the troop levels of the United Nations Operation in Somalia, largely in response to recent attacks sustained by French and Moroccan forces.

China, Djibouti and Cape Verde express their immense satisfaction with the timely

and specific nature of resolution 5, especially regarding the achievement of consensus in the Council.

China expresses the "exceptional" nature of the situation in Somalia, maintaining that the strength of this resolution does not reflect a precedent in their policy. Djibouti who has sought a resolution to this conflict for a long time feels that this resolution is a step in the right direction to the cessation of hostilities in Somalia and a more prosperous region. Cape Verde echoed the sentiments of the representative from Djibouti and is excited at the prospect of peace on the African continent.

Uganda*Security Council*

Uganda highly welcomes the United Nations resolution (AC1) on Somalia adopted by the Security council on November 21, 2010. The resolution is both timely and necessary. It addresses the security concerns of Somalia and supports the increase of troops for the purpose of strengthening the transitional government. Moreover, the resolution urges an increase in funding to support the African union led peace keeping mission (AMISOM).

Uganda has been a victim of terror attacks exported by Al Shabaab into the Ugandan territory. In addition, Uganda hosts hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled violence in Somalia. The issue of Somalia is of our utmost concern and that of regional states. As such, we see the resolution as a step in the right direction and an indication that the international community is treating the situation with the gravity that it deserves.

Monday Afternoon Ideas

by Mario Garciduenas

While in Chicago, representatives have a chance to enjoy its art, food and fashion. Whatever your interests are, on Monday afternoon you will have the opportunity to fully enjoy whatever you may call the Chicago experience.

For example, a representative of Pakistan said he will be "making the world a better place" by helping the homeless. But to some, the opportunity to experience a new city is the right choice. The advisor from Notre Dame said a few of her exchange students from Paris are eager to see the French Exhibit at the Art Institute, an adventure of which the Representative of Nigeria will also be part.

Both a representative of Algeria and a representative of Mauritania are eager to see The Magnificent Mile as well as the representatives of Armenia who said they "are going ice skating and then straight to the Mag Mile."

The representative of Mozambique said he plans on visiting a staple of the Chicago experience, the Billy Goat Tavern. A representative of Chad will be enjoying a real Chicago-style pizza, and the whole delegation of Japan will be getting in touch with their roots by having a sushi dinner. And if chocolate is on your list of dessert favorites, the representative of New Zealand recommended Ethel's Chocolate Cafe on the Magnificent Mile. "Its delicious and I can't wait to go again," she said.

Some students are not as fortunate, as they will be at the hotel enjoying the company of their textbooks and laptops as they work on assignments. The representatives of Côte D'Ivoire and Namibia said they will be writing a paper in their free time.

Ultimately, be it food, helping others, viewing art or doing homework, representatives will be partaking in a once in a lifetime adventures Monday afternoon.

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