



FILL OUT A SURVEY!

Links to the an AMUN Survey are available online. Your feedback is strongly desired and greatly appreciated. Help staff make Conference even better!

THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVES!

Diplomacy was alive and your hard work is recognized, thank you all so much for the Amazing Conference!

FINAL REPORT

The Final Report, including copies of all Resolutions, Reports, and *Chronicles*, will be available online at www.amun.org; stay tuned.

Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

1 All General Assembly committees combined on the morning of Tuesday, 20 November to vote on resolutions passed by the individual bodies. At the time of this writing, three resolutions had been adopted: GA/2/II/2, GA/4/II/1, and GA/3/I/2.

ECOSOC

2 As the Conference winds down, ECOSOC focused on fine-tuning Resolution ECOSOC/II/3. Despite concerns from the body, several representatives remain optimistic and said they believe the body will come together to pass several progressive resolutions.

ESCAP

3 The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific adjourned debate on Draft Resolution ESCAP/II/2, which has been officially tabled. The Commission also passed its full report and is currently working on its executive summary.

CPD

4 The Commission on Population and Development finished writing its executive summaries. The representatives had completed all other tasks and felt their productivity culminated in a very successful conference.

ICJ HEARS LAST CASE

By Alexandria Witt
Reporter for GA2 & ICJ

The International Court of Justice spent the evening of Monday, 19 November announcing the opinion of its second case, *Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) v. Uganda*, and hearing the case of *The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) v. Greece*. In the case DRC v. Uganda, the court decided unanimously in favor of the DRC.

The case *FYROM v. Greece* revolves around the internationally recognized name of the FYROM. The FYROM claims that Greece's refusal to recognize the country under its favored name, "Republic of Macedonia," is detrimental to its recognition as a sovereign state. The issue was inflamed when Greece refused to grant the FYROM standing in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) until the resolution of the name dispute. The FYROM also claims that Greece intends to obscure Macedonian attempts to join other international organizations, such as the European Union, for the same reason.

Greece responded that referring to the FYROM with the name "Republic of Macedonia" will make it indistinguishable from its own coastal region of Macedonia, and that this problem has been an issue between the FYROM and Greece for centuries.

The decision will be announced Tuesday, 20 November at 2:45 pm.

FINAL THOUGHTS

By Mark Bochucinski
Reporter for GA1

On the last day of another successful American Model United Nations Conference, representatives and staff offered some final thoughts:

"We were very productive in the Second Committee, way more than expected," Representative Lewis Hoss of Brazil said. "I am looking forward to coming back next year and staying in the beautiful city of Chicago."

The staff also had something positive to say.

"I have the most fun here every year," Chair of First Committee, Megan Wiley said. "I loved my committee they were one of the best. I hope everyone leaves having learned something. Oh! And I loved that someone in my committee knew what Mjolnir is."

Representative Donetta Gates of the Islamic Republic of Iran said, "This was my first time at AMUN and it was a great experience. Way more people should attend."



The International Press Delegation Reporters and Staff thank all of you for your amazing work and cooperation with the IPD. This was a fantastic Conference!

THE IPD REPORTERS!

Hannah Bates:

I thought that being a part of the IPD was a great way to participate in my first Model UN conference. It never got boring because I always had something to work on. Plus, I had a chance to learn how the committees work as an onlooker before I was put on one without knowing what to do.

Mark Bochucinski:

The IPD opened my eyes as to how difficult it is to put a paper together. I also learned about the different types of writing styles which compose a periodical. I loved it.

Grace Pastoor:

I've had a lot of reporting experience in high school and college, but nothing quite like this. Having to produce such a large amount of content so quickly gave me an idea of what it's like to work as a reporter in the real world, and I like it!

Tory Martinez:

Somewhere between the long days, late nights, endless coffee runs, pointless caucusing, deadlines and press conferences, I fell in love.

Darren Meeker:

Thank you for letting us serve as your source of information. I have had the privilege to meet and speak with countless people who are absolutely wonderful. Historical Security Council of 1948, you made this Conference interesting and you are a great group of people. AMUN 2012 has been fantastic, and I wish I was coming back to participate next year.

Emily Moorhead:

For my first year at Model UN, I chose to be on IPD to work on my writing skills a bit. This experience has been absolutely wonderful. Not only did I get to improve my writing, I also made great friends and learned quite a bit about the United Nations. I hope to return next year to be on the IPD again.

Ben Theobald:

My time on the International Press Delegation at this year's AMUN Conference was an incredible learning experience for me as a journalist. I feel incredibly privileged to have worked along with an amazing staff and my fellow reporters. I am also

glad to have worked along side with the representatives in the contemporary Security Council, who showed extraordinary potential in their debating skills and their ability to compromise on resolutions. It was fun!

Alexandria Witt:

My experience as a reporter for the International Press Delegation has been absolutely wonderful. Learning to report on issues in a fast-paced, highly technical, hand-on manner was an invaluable experience.

Shane Sundholm:

Contributing to the IPD provided unique opportunities while also allowing me to remain engaged with the overall experience of AMUN. Although being a reporter limited my direct involvement, I was able to approach the Conference with a holistic mind frame. Doing so gave me a different, but valuable perspective on the United Nations. The staff and fellow reporters provided valuable insight on my writing, in which I ended the Conference a better writer.

COMBINED GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY IS HECTIC!

By Grace Pastoor
Reporter for GA Plenary

All General Assembly committees combined on the morning of Tuesday, 20 November to vote on resolutions passed by the individual bodies. At the time of this writing three draft resolutions had been adopted: GA/2/II/2, GA/4/II/1, and GA/3/I/2.

Resolution GA/2/II/2 addresses food insecurity by calling for agricultural education and training for

women, children and indigenous populations. Resolution GA/3/I/2 focuses on promoting literacy and expresses the hope that the United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All goal will be met on time.

Resolution GA/4/II/1 calls for the consolidation of existing UN mine-eliminating programs and encourages education dealing with the eradication of landmines.

Representative Travor Gersch of Botswana, who sat on the Gen-

eral Assembly Fourth Committee and authored the resolution along with Burkina Faso, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Senegal and several other African Union and European Union countries, said he is pleased that the amendment passed. "It passed because it generated widespread consensus while taking into account all relevant and valid objections," Gersch said.

THANK YOU TO AMUN STAFF AND MORE

By Darren Meeker
Reporter for HSC48

During the past couple of days, we have all dedicated our time to this Conference. We wrote resolutions, spoke with other representatives, got up earlier than we normally would during our Thanksgiving breaks, and stayed up later thanks to the Security Council crises.

However, the AMUN staff has been here since Wednesday, November 14, and will be here until late, late Wednesday night this week. Secretary General Jacqueline Whitt said, "The key to having a really successful Conference and being a successful Secretary General is surrounding yourself with good people." I do not think she could have surrounded herself with a better group of people than the current staff.

They are all volunteers and they work tirelessly to provide us with a conference unlike any other. All of the logistics, paperwork and scheduling is planned in advance in such a way that most contingencies are covered. The staff on the dais has to know all of the rules of procedure. The Simulation Staff must know, down to every last detail, what the specific issues are in committees. Delegate Services works to provide us with resolutions and so much more in a timely manner. Secretary General Whitt also said the staff "knows how to work hard and play hard." The entirety of the staff is here for us and on less sleep. We should take some time to thank them for what they do.

This Conference would not be at all possible without the Sheraton Hotel staff. The staff accommo-

dates people with allergies when planning the rooms and materials within. The custodial crew ensures clean facilities throughout the Conference. The staff allows us to have water and cups at all times. It would be in our best interest to thank the staff and crew who work at the hotel. Their jobs are not easy and often go unrecognized, but without them, our jobs as representatives would be impossible.

After thanking a few of them over the past couple days, it is apparent to me that they do not receive the thanks they deserve. They were overwhelmed and even left speechless at times. Remember this as we close out the Conference: they do this for us, let us do something for them.

AMUN PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY

By Alexandria Witt
Reporter for GA2 & ICJ

AMUN offers many opportunities for participants, both professionally and socially. Not only is AMUN educational in nature, but it also provides valuable networking experience and a career expo that features a wide range of post-graduate opportunities. AMUN is also a mini-vacation for representatives to enjoy the city of Chicago while making friends.

Representative Taylor Gehrcke of Azerbaijan learned many transferable skills like problem-solving and goal-setting during his time at AMUN. He said he believes the close-knit relationships he made will serve him well in future conferences.

The Libyan Delegation said they experienced a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when they spoke with Ambassador Ibrahim O. Dabbashi of Libya. "[It] was amazing not just to read about our country, but also get to talk to someone who is living it out and truly believes everything that he is saying," said Representatives Natalie Wisely of Libya.

Erin Gillette of Libya said she was enlightened by the experience of representing an Islamic country while attending Taylor University. "I think one of the best parts of the AMUN experience was putting yourself in the shoes of another country and getting to really understand their perspective," said Gillette.

Thanks for the great Conference!

AMUN HISTORY

By Hannah Bates
Reporter for GA4

Who is that man with a tripod at AMUN? It's the AMUN historian, Tim Hoppe. Hoppe joined staff at AMUN 12 years ago when there were significantly fewer staff members. Throughout his time at AMUN, Hoppe has also worked as both the Director of both the International Court of Justice and the International Press Delegation.

About four years ago, as AMUN was reaching its 20th anniversary, the need to document the Conference became more necessary. According to Hoppe, there are always great stories happening everywhere at Conference, and it is important to keep track of them.

"We need to maintain who we are as an organization," said Hoppe.

The actual role of Historian is somewhat informal, partly because of how new it is. As Historian, Hoppe interviews representatives and staff. He also has been working on videos to show schools that are interested in AMUN what the experience is really like, along with other videos meant to show new chairs of committees how the rules and procedures work at AMUN. Another project that Hoppe is working on is a database of photos from AMUN over the years.

Hoppe further said that he has enjoyed keeping "track of who we've been as an organization and where we're going."

Meet the Press:

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HSC90 – Tory Martinez
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