

ICJ ADVOCATE MEETING

An informational meeting for all ICJ advocates will be held from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Michigan Room on Level 2.

LATE NIGHT CAUCUS AREA

The River Exhibition Hall B on the lower level will be open from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. for any of our Representatives to use for socializing.

2013 – INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF WATER

With a steadily increasing demand for sustainable, clean water supplies, the need for international cooperation is more important than ever.

Top Regional News for UN

WWII U-BOAT FOUND IN INDONESIA

1 Divers off the coast of Indonesia discovered the wreckage of a German U-Boat on November 21. The skeletons of the crew were still mostly intact and the divers have found numerous Nazi Artifacts.

SALVADORAN RIGHTS GROUP ATTACKED

2 This week, three armed men attacked the offices of the Pro-Search Association of Disappeared Children, a group dedicated to locating the children who disappeared during the Salvadoran Civil War in 1980-82

NIGERIA CLAIMS IBN SALEH IBRAHIM KILLED

3 The Nigerian Army has claimed that Boko Haram commander Ibn Saleh Ibrahim was killed. A spokesman claimed the Army has killed Ibn Saleh Ibrahim, a top Boko Haram commander in Maiduguri. Boko Haram, a militant Islamist group, has killed hundreds of civilians in Nigeria since 2009.

PROTESTS IN HAITI

4 On Monday, the protesters set up burning barricades of discarded tires as they marched in the capital, Port-au-Prince, demanding that President Michel Martelly stand down immediately. A number of demonstrators hurled stones at the police.

NEW CHESS CHAMPION CROWNED

5 22 year old Magnus Carlsen is crowned as a new chess champion has been crowned. A young norwegian prodigy has become world champion after competing in Chennai, India.

LEBANON/IRANIAN EMBASSY BOMBING

6 A group linked to al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the two suicide bombs that exploded at the Iranian Embassy in Beirut on November 19, which killed at least 23 people

RESCUE OF MOOSE-EATING SHARK

7 Two quick-thinking men on Newfoundland's northeast coast managed to save a Greenland shark from choking to death on a large piece of moose hide this past weekend. Two men were pulling on the moose chunk that had been partially consumed by a Greenland shark. One rescuer pulled a rope while the other one pushed with his boot in order to get the shark back into the deep water.



AMUN International returns to the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers for the 24th annual Conference. Welcome all! Now let's start changing the world.

STAYING IN YOUR LANE - UNDERSTANDING PURVIEW

It's the UN's way of saying we are working towards a common goal.

*By Paul Kruchoski
Under-Secretary-General,
Research*

Whether in driver's education or in dividing a group's tasks, the command to "stay in your lane" is restrictive and confining. It also ensures that others stay in their lanes and no one's toes get stepped on. It serves the greater good and helps accomplish an over-arching goal with little overlap or interference. So it is with purview: it is the UN's way of saying "we are working toward a common goal, but we'll do it best by dividing the work." Together, the pieces might add up to a spectacular whole.

For the UN, purview defines the scope of a topic. AMUN strives to simulate the United Nations as

realistically as possible, and this philosophy requires careful attention to purview. This is particularly important within the General Assembly, where the Main Committees are assigned specific areas of concern, and delegations are careful to not let their topics overlap.

For example, if the general topic under discussion is conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa, the GA Plenary may discuss the topic as a whole, but the Main Committees would focus on specific aspects. The First Committee—which focuses on security issues—might discuss how reducing illicit trafficking in firearms can support development, while the Third Committee—which addresses social, humanitarian and cultural issues—might focus on how preventing hunger or supporting education can

achieve the same outcome. Each committee (and the Representatives therein) should be quite careful not to expand the discussion of any topic beyond its mandate.

As you work, make purview part of your negotiations. If you have questions about purview, There are several resources at your disposal. First, the *Issues at AMUN* handbook contains brief explanations of purview (at the beginning of each simulation's background guide). Second, Rapporteurs and Home Government staffers are specifically trained to ensure resolutions and reports are within purview – and they will be more than happy to help you with any purview issues in your draft resolution, report or amendment. Don't hesitate to put these resources to the test, and remember, stay in your lane!

PHILIPPINES RECOVERY FROM TYPHOON HAIYAN ONGOING

*By Viktor Patsayev
Security Council*

Recovery from Typhoon Haiyan continues with the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot, a division of the World Food Programme ("WFP"), reporting it has dispatched 939 Metric tons of cargo to aid in the relief efforts, enough

food for about three million people.

According to Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the WFP, one of the biggest challenges to food delivery is the loss of many bridges in the affected region. The WFP has chartered air and sea vessels to solve this logistical challenge. Navies from across the

world have also sent assets to assist in the distribution operations.

The WFP relies on voluntary funding for its relief mission; thus far it has received US\$8.5 million in confirmed contributions for its emergency operation, which amounts to almost 10 percent of the required funds.

SYRIAN CRISIS CONTAINS UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

*By Edward White
Security Council*

While the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has reported that more than 80% of munitions that can be used for the delivery of chemical weapons in Syria have been destroyed, it

still has yet to find a location to destroy the actual chemical weapons.

Albania is the most recent country to reject destroying the weapons on its land. Recent proposals being discussed include creating a mobile destruction facility at sea and finding a private company willing to handle the destruction.

While the international community

is focused on the destruction of chemical weapons, the conflict continues throughout Syria. The government has retaken control of Qara which lies near the border with Lebanon. This fighting caused an additional six thousand people to seek refuge outside of Syria, increasing the total refugee population to close to 2.5 million people.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR AMUN SERVICES?

Home Government (Level 2, Missouri Room) is your source for any information you need to accurately request your country's position. You can also request a speaker from organizations not represented at AMUN, such as the IAEA or the American Red Cross.

The International Press Delegation (Level 2, Colorado Room) is your source for the *AMUN Chronicle*. You can request a press conference, deliver a press release or submit a personal ad. You can also ask for a reporter to deliver breaking news or request an interview.

Delegate Services (Level 2, Arkansas Room) is your home for resolution writing and submission. You can use computers to draft your resolutions, and, once you are done, submit them to your committee's Rapporteurs. Delegate Services can also print you *limited numbers* of copies for a small charge.

SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 23RD AMUN CONFERENCE

You will shed your college-student exteriors to become the distinguished representatives of your respective states.

*By Jacqueline E. Whitt
Secretary-General*

Do you remember your first Model UN conference? I certainly do. I represented the People's Republic of China on a Security Council at a conference at Appalachian State University. Sure, we'd done practice sessions at school, but it was something altogether different to be in a room with other Representatives from other schools, placards at the ready, with lots of ideas and grandiose schemes for making the world a little better. The energy was palpable. And it's amazing every time I look at a crowd of Model UN-ers, and it's one of the main reasons that I've been Model UN-ing for more than 15 years now.

But often the real work happens when the adrenaline wears off—when everyone puts aside their nerves and gets down to the real, hard work of diplomacy. The energy is still there, but it changes as blocs form, as tensions rise and then dissipate, as impassioned speeches are transformed into operative clauses, and as consensus is reached. Finding common ground is hard work, and it requires incredible commitment to listening and understanding positions that are different from your own, and it requires compromise. These are the hallmarks of the Model UN community, and these are the things that keep many of us coming back in a world filled with crises and ultimatums, and black-and-white positions.

We are about to enter into an alternate reality for the next four days—you will shed your college-student exteriors to become the distinguished representatives of your respective states. Secretariat members leave behind their lives as students and professionals to become researchers, simulation directors, rapporteurs and chairs.

Together, we have the opportunity to have serious conversations about big, important topics. We get to try our hands at negotiation and consensus building around some of the world's most vexing problems. My hope is that your thinking is not bound by convention or cultural bias; I hope your conversations this week give you new insights into the way the world works and into the lives of the seven billion people who inhabit it. I hope you walk away from this Conference more excited and intrigued by the potential of diplomacy for solving international conflicts.

Work hard in the coming days. I do not expect that we will begin to solve all—or even most—of the issues laid out before us, but I believe we may uncover a place to start. And if we are to fail, let it not be a failure of imagination or a lack of effort.

COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Alverno College, Cameroon
Anderson University, Finland
Aquinas College, Costa Rica
Aquinas College, Uzbekistan
Augustana College, Uruguay
Baylor University, Kyrgyzstan
Belmont University, Denmark
Bethel University, Austria
California State University-Sacramento, South Africa
Calvin College, Jordan
Carthage College, Democratic Republic of the Congo
Carthage College, Honduras
Central Michigan, University Italy
Central Michigan, University San Marino
College of DuPage, Congo
College of DuPage ,Switzerland
College of Wooster, India
Columbia College, Mexico
Creighton University, Netherlands
Denison University, Colombia
East Texas Baptist University, Azerbaijan
Eastern Michigan University, Guatemala
Eastern Michigan University, Palestine (Observer)
Elmhurst College, Bahamas
Hendrix College, Kenya
Hendrix College, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Indiana University-Bloomington, Cyprus
Indiana University-Bloomington, Iceland
Indiana University-Bloomington, Malaysia
Iowa State University, Bangladesh
Iowa State University, Tajikistan
Johnson County Community College, United Republic of Tanzania
Johnson County Community College, Zambia
Lincoln University, Nepal
Luther College, Ecuador
Millikin University, France
Missouri Southern State University, Morocco
National Chengchi University, Hungary
North Central College, Czech Republic
Northern Kentucky University, Poland
Park University, Dominican Republic
Phoenix College, Holy See (Observer)
Purdue University, Calumet
Saginaw Valley State University, Indonesia
Saginaw Valley State University, Mauritius
Saint Louis University, Belize
Saint Louis University, Latvia
St. Ambrose College, Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Truman State University, Syrian Arab Republic
Truman State University, Venezuela
University of Arizona, Qatar
University of Arizona, Senegal
University of Central Missouri, Sri Lanka
University of Central Missouri, Viet Nam
University of Central Oklahoma, China
University of Dayton, Chile
University of Memphis, Panama
University of Missouri-Columbia, Liechtenstein
University of Missouri-Columbia, Mongolia
University of Mount Union, Saudi Arabia
University of Northern Iowa, Egypt
University of South Dakota, Angola
University of St. Thomas, Estonia
University of St. Thomas, Ukraine
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, South Sudan
University of Wisconsin - River Falls, Georgia
Valparaiso University, Togo
Western Kentucky University, Bolivia
Westminster College (MO), Uganda
Westminster College (PA), Tunisia
Westminster College (PA), Turkmenistan
Winona State University, Bosnia-Herzegovina

SAFETY AT AMUN AND IN CHICAGO

By Shannon L. Dunn
AMUN Executive Director

We at AMUN strive to provide a superior hands-on educational experience for participants. To ensure that everyone in your group, including Faculty Advisors and Permanent Representatives, are able to focus on the experience, we have some simple suggestions for your own safety and that of everyone in your group and at AMUN.

As a starting point, I encourage you to review the Safety at AMUN information on page 33 of the Conference Program. These suggestions should be the starting point when you are considering your safety and that of the people around you.

Stay Hydrated

Large conference hotels are notoriously arid. You may feel as if you have trekked across a desert by the time the Conference closes. You will need to drink significantly more water than normal to stay hydrated. Be careful with dehydrating drinks. Consumption of beverages such as coffee, soft drinks, energy drinks and alcohol may have a dehydrating affect. Drinking these, especially more than you typically would, will contribute to the problem.

In the past we have seen many representatives get sick as a result of dehydration. Increase your water intake and reduce your consumption of other beverages to stay healthy.

Theft

Enterprising thieves will dress up in suits in order to blend in with the crowd at large conferences. They can quickly sweep through a room and snag phones, purses, laptops and other valuables. Be aware of people who are not wearing AMUN Conference credentials and immediately report them to a member of the AMUN Secretariat.

General Safety

Always be sure that someone from your group knows where you are, and use the buddy system when leaving the hotel, especially at night. Please help AMUN make the 2013 conference a safe and fun experience for all. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT WEAR: DIPLOMATIC COURTESY BEGINS WITH YOUR WARDROBE

Page 3 of AMUN's *Rules & Procedures Handbook* outlines the dress code.

By Kayla Schmidt Osborn
Under-Secretary-General for Administration

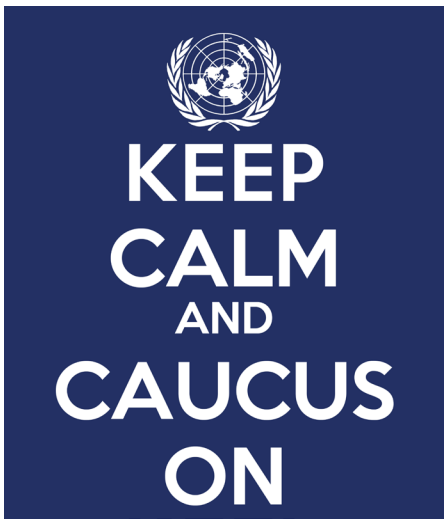
It has been said that the clothes make the man; while this may not be true in life, wearing proper attire does show respect to the event you're attending as well as respect for the other Representatives and the Secretariat. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to maintain this respect, AMUN requires Western business attire during all formal sessions, including the final General Assembly sessions on Tuesday.

The official dress code may be found on pages 3-4 of the AMUN *Rules and Procedures* handbook, which states in part: Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks (or a skirt for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest or any skin on the stomach are not appropriate. Sweaters or leggings are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not appropriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Failure to conform with this dress code may result in being unable to be recognized during formal session, or, worse, being embarrassed in front of your smartly dressed colleagues. If you did not bring enough western business attire to get you through all formal sessions (including Tuesday's closing Plenary), all hope is not lost! The first place to turn to is your delegation. There is no shame in having to borrow a suit jacket. If you just need a tie or a scarf to come into compliance, please visit the Conference Services (CS) desk, and they will be happy to let you borrow something from the tie and scarf box.

If you do find that you are in need of some last-minute shopping, CS can also direct you to nearby shops. AMUN Secretariat members are available to help if you are in need of creative solutions; we have some very snappy dressers on staff. Whatever you do, though, please make sure that you do come to formal sessions properly attired, or one of our Secretariat members may gently pull you to the side and ask if you would consider changing. Please be respectful as AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the conference floor to any Representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions.

I look forward to seeing you all in your Western Business Attire splendor.



AMUN'S TRENDY T-SHIRTS

Enjoy our parody of the world famous World War II propaganda poster and get some super stylish AMUN memorabilia.

Quantities are limited, so head to Conference Services soon to get yours.

Men and women's styles are available for purchase.

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE WITH BLUE BADGES WANDERING AROUND MY COMMITTEE?

By Kellymarie Ziemann
Director of Rapporteur Procedures

Walk into any of the General Assembly committees or Economic and Social Council commissions, and you will immediately see Chairs and Vice Chairs, or Presidents and Vice Presidents, sitting in front of the room, usually with a microphone, presiding over the body. But who are those staffers with the blue badges sitting off to the side? And why are they wandering around the committee/ council room, listening to all of your caucusing?

Distinguished diplomats, that is your Rapporteur Department. If you are an AMUN veteran, you may remember this as the place where you take all of your resolutions and amendments for processing and approval. Indeed, that is a major function of this department.

Rapporteurs examine every draft report, resolution, and amendment to ensure that it is within purview (see article, page 1); in proper AMUN format; and is clear, cohesive, and free of grammatical error. They may ask you to make corrections to your draft (which is why they always ask you for two copies of anything that they are editing) to ensure that all of the documents that come before the body are of the highest possible quality. They also keep track of all of the documents, so if you need to know the status of any draft, your Rapporteurs will be more than happy to share that information.

But the Rapporteur Department does much more than manage paperwork. Often, you will see Rapporteurs circulating during suspensions, listening in on informal debate. Because so much work gets done outside of formal session, staff should be available to assist

there as well. Specifically, Rapporteurs may clarify a procedural issue, suggest an alternate perspective, or suggest a possible role player who might be helpful. They may point out additional collaborative partners based on drafts they have edited or conversations they have heard. They also know a thing or two about the rules, specifically as they relate to reports, resolutions and amendments. Essentially, if you find yourself having any conversations that begin with "I wonder if...", or "maybe we could...", seek out a Rapporteur, who can help you make sure that you are on the right track. They can answer most questions, and if you happen to come up with something that they can not answer, they will be more than happy to point you in the direction of someone who can.

VISIT AMUN'S CONFERENCE SERVICES DESK

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED DIRECTIONS? WANT TO PURCHASE A MEMORABLE SOUVENIR TO REMEMBER YOUR AMUN EXPERIENCE?

Come visit Conference Services located on the ballroom promenade!

AMUN staff can give you helpful information regarding nearby restaurants, places of worship, tourist information about Chicago for your free afternoon on Monday, and all things related to Conference.

It's also your one-stop-shop for: handbooks, flash drives, t-shirts, winter wear, UN charters, UN flag pins, water bottles, and more!

QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, GET THESE UNIQUE SOUVENIRS BEFORE SUPPLIES RUN OUT!

Don't forget to submit personal ads to IPD to be published in a future AMUN Chronicle