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## Committee & Council Updates

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY**  
Discussion on the first topic, The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy Review, began as Member States attempted to define terrorism in order to better execute a resolution against it. The body requested annual reports from Member States to better monitor terrorism. However, a concern for national sovereignty made this an issue of debate.

### GA FIRST COMMITTEE

Monday morning, the General Assembly First Committee continued the discussion of the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. With seven draft resolutions in total, 1st/1/6, written by Representatives of Iran and Kenya, has received the most support and debate, with four amendments proposed.

### GA SECOND COMMITTEE

In the General Assembly Second Committee, the topic changed from Science and technology for development to the topic of the Follow-up to the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development. Currently, the Committee is drafting resolutions and is bringing them to the floor.

### GA THIRD COMMITTEE

The intensity has pushed to the next level as representatives have been scurrying to create a resolution that focuses on the rights of the child and specifically education and child sex trafficking. As the day approached the afternoon hours, and excitement about the Representative dance built, the Third Committee worked diligently to pass and combine resolutions.

### GA FOURTH COMMITTEE

Anxieties were on the rise in the General Assembly Fourth Committee as American Model United Nations moved closer toward its Closing Plenary session. Even the microphone seemed to be breaking under the pressure.

### SCPKO

The representatives on the Special Committee of Peacekeeping Operations are in congruence with their ideas for reports and working papers. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations decided that, through cooperation, what it can accomplish is greater than previous expectations.

### ECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council has forged ahead on its first topic, Poverty Eradication, with the passage of ECOSOC/1/4 and ECOSOC/1/6 and continued debates over resolutions ECOSOC/1/3 and ECOSOC/1/5. However, there are a growing number of Member States wishing to address the second topic, Promoting efforts to eliminate violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families.

### ECLAC

ECLAC returned from a long suspension full of energy and passed Resolutions ECLAC/1/3 and ECLAC/1/4 before moving to a new topic area.



We enjoyed seeing you at the Dance!

## ENTRY TO DEEP SPACE STARTED AT 10 LAST NIGHT...

By Victoria Martinez

Every year, American Model United Nations (AMUN) hosts a dance to reward representatives for their hard work over the course of the conference. This year, the dance theme was "Space," and it promised to reach stratospheric levels of fun., and delivered.

The theme from the dance came out of extensive deliberations and input from the AMUN

Secretariat. According to Under-Secretary-General for Publications Jacob Torres, the theme selection process began sometime in December, with the subcommittee assigned to the task of narrowing a large list of options down to five. Then, the subcommittee voted on the top five choices, narrowing the options to one in March or April.

"Space won by a clear margin this year because there's a lot of

love for space on the AMUN staff," said Torres. "There was some talk of having a 'Wig/Whig' party, but the idea never really stuck."

The festivities were open to all representatives and began at 10:00 p.m. in the River Exhibition Hall B in the Lower Level of the Sheraton Hotel and Towers and lasted until approximately 2:00 a.m.

## MERGING RESOLUTIONS TO CREATE CONSENSUS IN GA FOURTH

By Deborah Ocquaye-Nortey

General Assembly Fourth Committee

Some Representatives of the General Assembly Fourth Committee are sought to merge resolutions with one another after the realization that the committee was running out of time, which increased their urge to move at a

faster pace. Representatives of the Fourth Committee expressed belief that a merger of resolutions might help facilitate that. The dais also pointed out that many submitted draft resolutions appeared very similar, and suggested that merging resolutions would be more efficient than passing them individually.

However, the General Assembly

Fourth Committee successfully passed resolution 4th/1/9 after substantial, heated debate. The resolution, which had been on the floor since 8:30 a.m. this morning, was adjourned once and voted upon twice to bring it back for debate.

The resolution was successfully passed during the evening session

## THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE, OR PERHAPS JUST IN GA FOURTH

Zachary Hausle

For the first time in 46 years, several Representatives of the General Assembly Fourth Committee have decided to address how the international community should respond to extraterrestrial beings. Representatives from India, Ireland and Lithuania have developed a resolution aimed at the creation of a global apparatus to respond to contact with extraterrestrial events. The resolution has a historical precedent in GA4, with a full year of discussion on the issue in 1977.

Representative Clayton Knappenberger of Ireland stressed that

the resolution was not intended to address only the contingency of alien encounters, but any potentially adverse contact with extraterrestrial beings or bodies. Ireland emphasized its earnestness in its pursuit of a broad response system.

"We had to let people know that we were serious about this," Representative Drake Yeiter of Ireland said. "It's not just about weapons, but about increasing information sharing and developing technologies to respond to extraterrestrial happenings."

Representative Cece Collins of Kenya was skeptical of the

resolution's adherence to the purview of the Fourth Committee. "I just don't understand how it's relevant to the peaceful use of space. It's weaponizing space," Representative Collins said.

As of the printing of this article, The Fourth Committee had not yet brought the resolution to the floor for debate, but India and Ireland reaffirmed their commitments to bring the resolution before the body to the press. At the time, the resolution had 33 agreed signatories.

## DEFINITIONS ARE IMPORTANT, JUST ASK GA PLEN

By Grace Bruett

General Assembly Plenary

Discussion about counter-terrorism began as Member States attempted to create an all-encompassing definition of terrorism.

The first session of the day kicked off with a change of topic from malaria, which had been debated since 23 November 2013, to topic one, the United Nations global counter-terrorism strategy review.

Member States began with a discussion of the United Nations definition of terrorism, calling for a clear distinction between rebel groups and organized terrorist organizations. Discussion on drug and arms trades and their involvement within terrorism was also brought up as a distinction between cartel groups and terrorist organizations.

The General Assembly Concurrent Plenary debated a proposal of annual government reports about individual Member State terrorism, as well as a conflict of national sovereignty in Member States, making such a proposal a difficult thing for Representatives to agree upon. Draft resolution GA/II/3 was still being discussed as the Assembly continued to debate these issues.

## PASSING RESOLUTIONS NOT SO EASY, NOW IS IT?

By Elizabeth Schmidtberger

GA Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee saw progress as representatives deliberated which resolutions the Committee should pass.

However, some representatives expressed concerns with the committee's progress. Some said that the Third Committee still had a lot to work on and that compromising on the resolutions was difficult. The issues concerning the Third Committee have strained some representatives. Finding more Member States willing to sign on to their resolutions has given need to caucus and suspend the meeting many times through the days. The room was no longer filled with high energy to pass resolutions, but with a more tense atmosphere as representatives felt the drag of what some saw as repetitive speakers and speeches.

The most noticeable excitement on Monday was the Representative dance.



## Committee & Council Updates, Continued

### CCPCJ

The body of the Council on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice has been hard at work writing and editing two final reports, both of which are projected to be completed by the end of the Monday night session. Representatives also spoke to the progress of these reports in front of the Economic and Social Council in order to keep it abreast of their progress.

## Security Council & ICJ Updates

### CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council released a Presidential Statement that urges the Member States that have committed troops to the Mission in the Central African Republic to fulfill these commitments as quickly as possible. The Security Council expressed confidence that the new stabilization measures will be effective once implemented.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '56

In response to the plane crash within the Algerian border on 21 August, 1956 and the alleged involvement of the nationalist rebel group National Liberation Front, the Historical Security Council of 1956 added the Situation in Algeria to its agenda.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '94

After moving forward from the Situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Historic Security Council of 1994 has acted politically in Haiti. However, situations in Georgia and Somalia are getting worse by the day and it is unclear whether or not the Council will have the expediency to address these important issues.

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The International Court of Justice ruled against Argentina in its case against Uruguay, which concerned the construction of pulp mills on the River Uruguay. The Court determined that Uruguay was in compliance with the standards of a 1975 treaty between the two Member States regarding environmental impacts on the waterway.

### Personal Ads

I am so proud of the SCPKO committee! The representatives are working so hard on both resolutions and consensus! The Committee just adopted two resolutions by consensus! Go SCPKO!  
-Lauren, your Vice President

## TAJIKISTAN AND BANGLADESH CREATE COALITION

By Erin Sullentrup  
GA First Committee

Monday morning, Representative Khayree Fitten of Tajikistan and Representative Abhijit Patha of Bangladesh discussed their working paper for the General Assembly First Committee's second topic, Problems Arising from the Accumulation of Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles in Surplus. "We would like to announce a coalition between Tajikistan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh,

and the Republic of Korea, who could not be here today," said Representative Fitten. The key points of this working paper were increased transparency between Member States, education about the risks of stockpiles, and safety measures. "After two days, we have no substantive debate or passed resolutions to show for it," said Representative Fitten. The Representatives wanted First Committee to begin its discussion of the second topic in the hope that it would be

more productive than that of the first topic. "We have seen lots of obstruction from Member States. Lots of games have been played, and it prevents our progress on the topic," said Representative Patha. The Representatives and signatories of the working paper were still deliberating on the details, including which weapons will fall within its jurisdiction. "We do have specific clauses, but we're looking for specific input," said Representative Patha.

## PRESS RELEASES

Portugal & Jamaica  
ECLAC

Representatives from Portugal and Jamaica, along with others, are deeply disappointed by some actions taken in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean by certain Member States, such as Haiti and Brazil. The report writing process has been semi-democratic at best, with individual goals taking precedence over the collective ideals of the body. More specifically, content has been changed in draft reports without consent of the original authors. Many delegations have asked specifically to not have their clauses changed without notification, and this request has not been met. The substantive work that this Committee has produced takes great strides in addressing the issues that the region faces, so we urge Representatives to continue this work and make sure that the body takes precedence over any desire to control the process.

Tunisia  
GA Plen

In correlation with drafting resolutions for efforts of counter-ter-

rorism, Member States should first identify what terrorist acts the resolution is to focus on. Without the identification of terrorism, Tunisia believes that all the resolutions not including this identification will not pass. The 'defining' of terrorism, in general, will always be relative to the respective Member State. Therefore, if we focus on identifying terrorism rather than 'defining' terrorism the Assembly will be able to have a general consensus. Without the Security Council providing a definition of the term, it is outside the purview of the General Assembly Plenary to define the term. This identification is a way of working around the 'defining' of terrorism. Tunisia believes that the inclusion of this aspect within a resolution will be extremely beneficial. The specifics of such a resolution will then be better understood by the other Member States within the Assembly with this identification.

Oman, Israel, and Iran  
First Committee

We would like to call attention to the fact that, based on a draft resolution submitted by Iran, in addition to mediation

conducted by Oman and other Middle Eastern Member States, a consensus has been reached with Israel to create a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East. We are also happy to announce that a resolution on this issue was passed by the First Committee.

Morocco

Contemporary Security Council

The delegation of Morocco would like to express its full support of resolution SC/I and commend the Security Council for its efforts to establish security in the Central African Republic. Morocco is committed to African security and believes resolution SC/I is a significant step towards solving a crisis that destabilizes not only a single Member State, but an entire region. With the commitment of the Security Council to address the security situation in the Central African Republic, Morocco believes that the groundwork is in place for the Kingdom of Morocco to begin organizing a medical mission to the Central African Republic that will establish field hospitals to provide medical care.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Namibia

Representative Devante Webb of Namibia says that his experience at this Conference has been "exquisite". As a first-time delegate to this Conference, Devante was a bit bewildered and overwhelmed the first couple of days in Chicago. "This is a wonderful city, albeit a

bit extravagant," exclaimed Representative Webb. However, after attending committee sessions, caucusing with delegates and delegations representing countries from around the world, and meeting many new acquaintances and, perhaps, future friends, Devante says he is catching on smoothly. Upon

hearing statements he agrees with, Devante utters in acclamation: "Truth!" Asked how he feels the Republic of Namibia is faring at the Conference, Representative Webb says: "We're doing much better than what I expected. My co-delegate from Namibia, Mr. Samuel Dennah, Jr. was able to

get the better part of his initial resolution on the eradication of malaria passed yesterday, with only a few minor amendments. And our Namibian delegation is working with many other countries in various committees to support innovative solutions to several problems confronting humanity."

## WORLD AFFAIRS CIRCA 1956

By HoJai Yoon  
HSC56

According to resolution HSC1956/II/1, Morocco and Tunisia were admitted to the United Nations on 21 August, 1956.

The congratulatory mood was tainted by the Moroccan government's alleged tie to a nationalist rebel group, the National Liberation Front (NLF). Representative Aaron Thomas of France, who abstained from the voting, expressed his grave concern regarding the admission of Morocco, as he expressed belief the Moroccan government is in support of the rebel group. In response, Representative Michael Pisanti of Morocco commented that France's allegation is highly "insulting" and the Moroccan government "do not support any and all insurgency groups."

The hostile tension between France and Morocco has been aggravated as a plane, which was given to Morocco as aid from the United States and the United Kingdom, crashed in the French colonial territory within Alegria. Reminding the body that aid given to Morocco is mandated to be directly controlled by the Government of Morocco, the Representative of France described the situation as "irritating." He further asserted that, if the plane crash was caused by the NLF and the Government of Morocco is proven to be responsible, France will take immediate action with possible military measures.

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WEAR YOUR NEW SHIRT TO THE AMUN REPRESENTATIVE DANCE TONIGHT. THIS TIME, DANCE IN SPACE!





## SYRIAN WEAPONS

By David Osman  
SC

Security Council Representatives Sami Ghani and Brendan Moriarty from Argentina discussed a proposed chemical weapons disposal deal. If accepted, Norway would secure safe passage of Syrian chemical weapons to Argentina for disposal.

A leak of the proposal has caused protests by Argentinians who are concerned with the lack of details of how the weapons will be disposed in their country. Despite these fears, the Representatives assured them that they "have taken every precaution" to ensure that the transportation of the weapons will be done safely and that the disposal of them will be done with approved lands and methods.

Nonetheless, there have been growing concerns that the Argentinian government is ignoring its citizens as it forges ahead with this plan.

### Personal Ads

Jacob T & Tim H:  
Thanks for letting me be a n  
honorary member of IPD!  
Its been fun and you guys are  
awesome!  
Love, Kat Donovan

## DISCUSSING POVERTY ERADICATION

By David Osman  
ECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council has been heavily focused on the first topic, Poverty Eradication. There was a moment Sunday evening in which the Council briefly switched to the second topic, Promoting efforts to eliminate violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families. This was reversed when the body voted to revisit the first topic due to many believing that it was not fully addressed.

While there is a growing number of Council members wishing to move on to the second topic, many believed that the resolutions that had been passed could be built upon with the passage of others. Meanwhile, ECOSOC continued to wait for the reports from the regional economic commissions and functional commissions that it oversees. With time becoming sparse, many representatives are becoming concerned with the productive use of the time of the Council and its commissions.

## DEALING WITH AMUN STRESS 101...

By Megan Norris

Now comes that time at the conference when the visible signs of fatigue and stress are almost viral. Coming to AMUN is a learning experience and a chance to get away from the realms of a school-like atmosphere. One popular topic is to think of some ways to cope with stress, such as these:  
- Wear a fun scarf  
Let's face it: It is now the holiday season, we are in the windy city, and it is unlikely that you will

walk out into the streets of Chitown and experience 80-degree weather. Put on a fun scarf to not only keep you nice and warm, but to also liven up your professional attire outside of committee time.

-Dear Ladies, there is no need to wear high heels!  
Oh, come on! We were all thinking it! With all the hustle and bustle within AMUN, we do nothing to investigate which is more important: comfort or style. While heels may add just the right amount of professionalism to an outfit, other

types of shoes can be stylish and comfortable. You will not only be more comfy, but you also will not have to think about how much your feet hurt, resulting in less stress!  
-Keep Calm and Caucus On!

Relax. Like I said before, AMUN is a time and place to get away from the everyday educational experience. Caucusing should be used as a time for professionalism. However, there are also moments when caucusing could be used to decrease tension. Everyone likes a nice laugh!

## DISAGREEMENTS DETRACT FROM COMMITTEE PROGRESS

By Elizabeth Schmidtberger  
GA Third Committee

When representatives disagree, it impedes the work that can be done during Committee sessions. A disagreement had manifested between Third Committee Representatives Justin Tomczyk of the Philippines and Jason Olsen of Honduras. This disagreement is not political, but personal. Ac-

ording to Representative Tomczyk, the disagreement stemmed from insinuations that "diplomats have no real substance..."

Representative Tomczyk acknowledged that he took personal offense to this and openly said, "There is no reason to assume we [representatives] are 'empty suits.'"

When Member States disagree in a manner irrelevant to the dis-

cussions going on in committee, it detracts from the meaning of the conference. One goal of the Conference is to give all representatives a good learning experience. Disagreements derail the reason for being at AMUN, but let this unique experience broaden your understandings of the United Nations and strengthen your ability to reach consensus.

## TAJIKISTAN FOR FREE TRADE ZONE

By Erin Sullentrup  
GA Second Committee

"I'm pleased to announce the creation of a free trade zone, as well as the creation of an organization to promote the common economic interests of the former Soviet countries," said Second Committee Representative Peter Behzoni of Tajikistan. "Specifically, the League for Eurasian Economic Development's, also known as LEED, goal is to present a united face, both at

the UN and outside of this body, particularly in the areas of debt, trade, and natural resources."

The unprecedented level of cooperation of this organization will not create a formal bloc, and expressed hope for working closely with the European Union, as Representative Behzoni explained that the two parties have a number of common interests.

"We are drafting a resolution that is the best interest of the

countries in LEED," said Representative Behzoni. There will not be a common currency, but the working paper would create close economic ties and relatively low legal barriers for trade goods and people.

Regarding long-term goals of this group, Representative Behzoni said, "We are, at this time, only an economic zone, as that's only what really falls in the purview of the committee."

## World Affairs, circa 1994

After passing a resolution on the Situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Historical Security Council of 1994 has moved onto the Situation in Haiti. The deliberation began with a clear opposition to the use of force, as desired by the delegation from the United States. A recent statement by Representative Daniel Johnson of the United States summed up their position in favor of the use force:

"The United States . . . has no intention of creating or setting up a new government through force. The Haitian government has been democratically elected and looks to only reinstate that legitimate government."

However, even with the power that the United States holds, the Council adopted a Presidential Statement regarding the use of soft powers in order to achieve

the goals as set by the 4-Part Peace Plan, as composed by the Haitian government in accordance with the New York Peace Pact.

Upon this adoption, the Council also passed resolution HSC94/II/5. The circumstances under which this was done was admirable, seeing as it was adopted by consensus with no abstentions.

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### Personal Ads

Here's a shout out to some amazing and creative outfits last night:

- Federation Star Fleet Officers
- Weeping Angels
- Daleks
- Doctors
- Hitchhikers
- Barfolemew
- Black Holes
- Space Tights
- Spandex aliens
- Space T-Rex
- Nyan Cat
- Adventure Time Dog

## WRITE THAT REPORT!

By David Osman  
CCPCJ

"The purpose of this commission is to be a report writing commission," said Representative Dana Jackson of Saudi Arabia from the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ).

Jackson said that the lack of work is "appalling" and the commission risks "failure" if report writing is held off for any longer.

The representative is not alone in the CCPCJ as Representatives Gage Meyers of Uruguay and Cody Tracey of the Democratic Republic of the Congo voiced similar concerns over the Commission's priorities.

The CCPCJ is a commission that advises the Economic and Social Council on methods addressing national and transnational crime through report writing. However, representatives are worried about the de-emphasis of report writing by the body in light of the large number of resolutions that have been passed.

### Personal Ads

Barfolemew was the awesome last night at the Dance! You should be my wingman always!  
-Lone Star

Bohemian Rhapsody always keeps the closing packets moving. Now if only we can learn the words, and perhaps how to sing...

To the Mexico Delegation, Congrats on surviving the cold and conference.

I am extremely proud of all of you. It's been an honor to be your Perm Rep.  
-Janessa

Attention all planets of the Solar Federation  
Attention all planets of the Solar Federation  
We have assumed control  
We have assumed control  
We have assumed control

-The Priests of the Temples of Syrinx

Thank you Representatives for a great conference!-  
Your ECOSOC Pres, V-P & Rappateurs