



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.

YEAR OF CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

The UN declared 2014 to be the International Year of Crystallography, the study of the atomic structures which make up crystalline solids.

Top Regional News for UN

OUTRAGE OVER UAE'S TERROR LIST

1 The United Arab Emirates sparked outrage with its inclusion of several prominent Western Muslim charities and civil society groups in a new list of terrorist organizations alongside such groups as Al Qaeda, Boko Haram and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

IRAN FREES ACCUSED ISRAELI SPY

2 Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, freed an Iranian-Canadian blogger who had been accused of spying on Iran for Israel on Thursday, according to Iranian media reports. Hossein Derakhshan had been imprisoned in Tehran since 2008. He had been serving a 19-1/2 year sentence in prison.

US GRANTS WEST AFRICANS PROTECTION

3 The United States has granted citizens of Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone Temporary Protected Status due to the outbreak of the Ebola virus. This guarantees that these nationals will not be removed from the United States for the next 18 months.

SWEDEN'S FIRST WOMEN'S MUSEUM

4 Sweden's first women's history museum, the Umea Museum, opens this weekend. The museum focuses on gender, power and identity and desires to change history.

JAPAN DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT

5 Prime Minister Shinzo Abe dissolved a portion of the House of Representatives to reset the powers. In an effort to gain support for "Abenomics" before voters support decreases. Prime Minister Abe stated that he would resign if his party did not gain the majority.

ARMENIA ACCEDES TO NEW EEU

6 Armenia officially became the fourth nation to join the newly created Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) in October of 2014. The Eurasian Economic Union officially launches on January 1, 2015 and also includes the Russian Federation, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Kyrgyzstan hopes to formalize its entry into the EEU before the end of 2014.



AMUN International returns to the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers for the 25th 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 Gavin Way
Under Secretary-General for Research*

AMUN prides itself on simulating the United Nations' proceedings in the "real world." To facilitate this, AMUN staff members are trained to review draft resolutions to make certain they are within purview.

Purview defines the scope of a topic that each committee, council or commission can address. Thus even if two or more committees are discussing the same general topic, each committee is made responsible for discussing a very particular, and distinct, aspect of that topic. Thus even if two or more com-

mittees are discussing a general topic, each committee is made responsible for discussing a very specific point or aspect of that topic.

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 care-

ful not to expand the discussion of any topic beyond its mandate.

AMUN dais staff will review resolutions to ensure they are focused and within the scope of the committee's, council's or commission's ability to address a particular topic. If Representatives have any in-depth questions about purview, they should start with the *Issues at AMUN* handbook. If questions remain, they should speak with Home Government, located on the second floor in the Missouri Room or their Rapporteurs, who can be found in the committee rooms. These staff members are trained to help representatives ensure their draft resolutions are within the purview of their Committee, Council or Commission to discuss.

CIVIL SERVANTS STRIKING IN THE SUDAN

*By Zeke Thompson
Security Council*

Hundreds of former civil servants in the state of Western Bahr el Ghazal are threatening a strike over pay they claim to still be owed. In June over 200 people who had been downsized in 2008 held a strike outside of state ministry offices over back pay totaling about 800,000,000 South Sudanese pounds. Promises made to end that strike remain unfulfilled.

Concurrently, teachers in South Darfur, Sudan have called for open-ended strikes, citing no Oc-

tober salary payments as the main impetus. The teachers have also stated they are likely to strike for government failure to settle financial arrears dating back several years. Regions of Sudan have seen increased teacher strikes over the past few months that were only resolved after firm pledges from the Ministry of Finance that teachers would receive 50 percent of their unpaid salaries by mid-October. The teachers are striking because those promises have not been met.

These strikes come mere days after teachers in Jonglei, South

Sudan called off a planned strike after positive steps had been taken by the government. Teachers were demanding full housing allowances in addition to more advancement opportunities. Most teachers said they had been working in the same position for up to nine years without receiving a promotion to higher grades or any incremental increases in salary. With the passage of the state's budget last week, the government pledged to pay half of teachers' housing allowances for November with July to October allowances to be paid in the future.

SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 25TH AMUN CONFERENCE

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

*By Kayla Schmidt Osborn
Secretary-General*

On behalf of the Secretariat, I want to welcome you to the 25th American Model United Nations Conference.

Our goal over the next four days is to provide you with a unique learning opportunity—an experience no classroom can provide. Here, you will have a chance to have a hands-on glimpse of one of the most important aspects of living in our global society. It is an increasingly difficult time to be a diplomat. As distinguished Representatives of the nations you are representing, you have competing goals: promoting the interests of your government, while striving to uphold the principles in the United Nations Charter.

You will find yourself confronting people, concepts and principles that pose direct challenges to your pursuit of that goal. Diplomacy will provide you with the tools to address these challenges. Over the next few days, you will get the opportunity to stretch your skills in this important endeavor.

The issues and challenges facing the delegations at AMUN are as crucial as they have ever been. Our agenda this year spans nearly the full breadth of topics that the organs of the United Nations are considering today, including fundamental issues of human rights, economic development, and global security.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the problems facing the world. You will be crafting policies and seeking solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable by a consensus of Member States. The challenges of diplomacy are some of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations. I know that each of you is up to the task that lies before you, and I hope you find the process, challenging, rewarding and enjoyable. If there is anything I, or any member of the Secretariat can do to improve your experience, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best wishes in your deliberations this week!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR AMUN SERVICES?

Home Government (Level 2, Missouri Room) is your source for any information you need to accurately represent 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 request an interview or pitch story ideas to reporters.

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 assist you with questions about resolution formatting. Delegate Services can also print you *limited numbers* of copies for a small charge.

COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Afghanistan - Purdue University
Calumet
Angola - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Armenia - Anderson University
Bahrain - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Bangladesh - Park University
Bosnia-Herzegovina - University of
South Dakota
Bulgaria - Kettering University
Cabo Verde - University of Dayton
Cameroon - Bethel University
Canada - Coe College
Central African Republic - University
of Arizona
Chad - Truman State University
China - Eastern Michigan University
Colombia - Missouri Southern State
University
Congo - Kansas State University
Cuba - Saint Louis University
Czech Republic - Western Kentucky
University
Democratic Republic of the Congo -
College of DuPage
Djibouti - Western Kentucky
University
Dominican Republic - College of
Wooster
Ecuador - St. Mary's College
Ethiopia - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Ghana - St. Ambrose University
Guatemala - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Hungary - Belmont University
India - Georgetown College
Iraq - University of Central Oklahoma
Italy - University of Illinois at Chicago
Jordan - University of South Dakota
Kazakhstan - University of Central
Missouri
Lebanon - Grand Rapids Community
College
Liberia - Carthage College
Lithuania - Drake University
Malaysia - Kansas State University
Mali - Missouri State University
Monaco - University of St. Thomas
Netherlands - Truman State University
Norway - Indiana University-Purdue
University Fort Wayne
Oman - Eastern Michigan University
Peru - Saginaw Valley State University
Poland - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Portugal - Baylor University
Qatar - University of Central
Oklahoma
Republic of Korea - Alverno College
Romania - Kansas State University
Russian Federation - Hendrix College
Singapore - University of Mount
Union
Slovenia - University of Illinois at
Chicago
South Sudan - Missouri State
University
Spain - Elmhurst College
Sweden - Central Michigan University
Tajikistan - Purdue University
Calumet
Thailand - Northern Kentucky
University
The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia - Iowa State University
Turkey - Iowa State University
Uganda - Columbia College
United States of America - University
of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Uruguay - Phoenix College
Uzbekistan - Indiana University-
Bloomington
Yemen - University of Illinois at
Chicago

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 35 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.

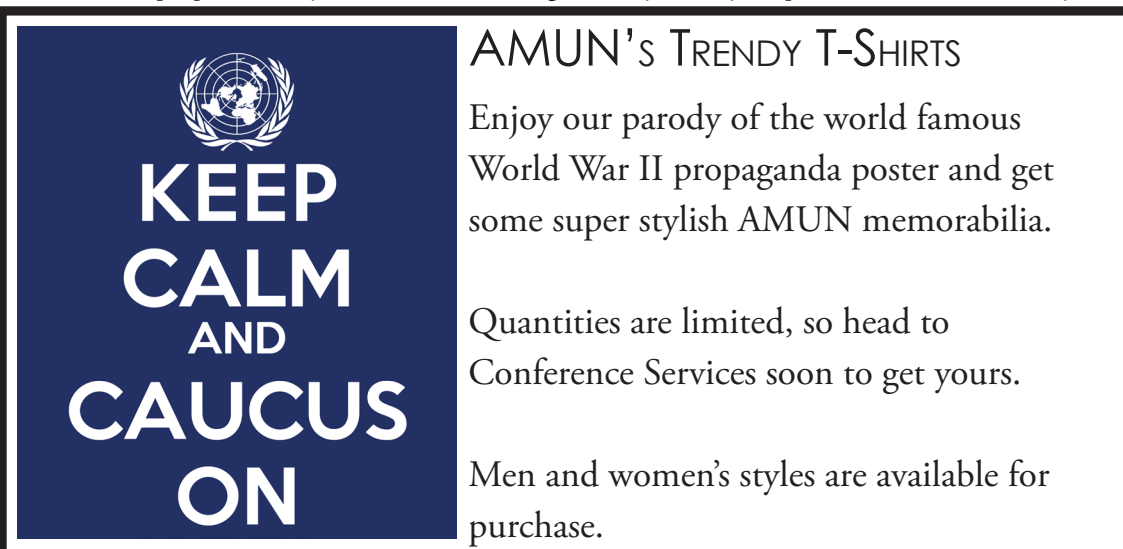
In the past we have seen many representatives get sick as a result of dehydration. Increase your water intake and reduce your consumption of other beverages to stay healthy.

Theft

Enterprising thieves will wear 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 2014 conference a safe and fun experience for all. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time.



AMUN'S TRENDY T-SHIRTS

Enjoy our parody of the world famous World War II propagand 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.

THE MANY ROLES OF A RAPPOREUR

By KellyMarie Z. Meek
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 ses-

sion, staff is 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 CELEBRATE 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!

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Don't forget to submit personal ads to IPD to be published in a future AMUN Chronicle in person in the Colorado Room or at personals@amun.org

DRESS FOR SUCCESS: DIPLOMATIC COURTESY BEGINS WITH YOUR WARDROBE

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

By Brendan F. Tarnay
Director of Convention Services

The art of diplomacy is as much what is not said as it is what is said. What a diplomat chooses to wear reflects the importance he or she is placing on their interactions and negotiations. In the past, diplomats wore uniforms. But today, in choosing their own clothes, they may choose to say something with their choices. But more often than not, they are opting to *not* say something. As a result, one thing you will always notice in today's diplomatic attire: restraint and conservatism.

Being conservative in attire does not equate to a lack of style or personality. It is simply drawing more attention to your words than appearance.

Don't be down! You can still say something. But say it with a wink and a nod. In the case of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, she had her famous collection of pins and brooches. In response to a question about her brooches and non-verbal communication, she said, "Yes, it's complementary to the verbal. It's an icebreaker, an opener." Let your clothes complement you and your message. Do not let them *be* the message, for it might not be one you meant to convey.

Here at AMUN, we do have a dress code policy. It is found on page 3 of your Rules and Procedures Handbook. Besides hitting the basics of Western Business Attire (pants, shirt/blouse, blazer, tie, etc.), there's really one question you can ask yourself when getting ready for a day in committee: "Would I wear this to an embassy?" If the answer is "yes", then you're ready for a day when your peers see you as a professional. If the answer is "no", then we would assume you would take the steps to take you to a "yes".

Did you forget a tie? No problem! Don't be afraid to ask someone else from your school to borrow one for the day. No luck there? Visit Conference Services on the ballroom Promenade and we can probably find a tie in our stash that will complement your attire. Have a doubt? You should probably leave it out... or just ask one of your peers, "Do I look professional?"

Remember, there are many ways to express yourself in your seemingly monochromatic business attire: socks, pins, scarves, ties, cufflinks, and pops of color. Just remember, what would Madame Secretary say (or not say)?