



**SPECIAL SESSION FOR FACULTY ADVISORS**  
Join us for a discussion on “Assessing the Model UN Experience – in the Classroom and at Conference” in the Mayfair Room Monday at 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**AMUN STAFF INFORMATION SESSION**  
The last information session for those of you interested in joining AMUN staff will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayfair Room.

## Committee & Council Updates

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

An effort to draft a resolution about Ukraine in the GA Plenary seems to have dissolved, allowing for the announcement of another draft resolution. A diverse coalition, including a large African bloc, plans to urge countries to abide by its preventative provisions on armed conflict.

### GA FIRST COMMITTEE

A series of approximately 60 points of inquiry curbed the ability of the General Assembly First Committee to bring any draft resolutions to the floor concerning the illicit trade of small arms and/or weapons.

### GA SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee worked on multiple resolutions Saturday evening where they debated the topic of Entrepreneurship for Development. Issues discussed included the sustainability of the environment to foster economic development.

### GA THIRD COMMITTEE

Saturday evening, the Third Committee discussed decreasing the amount of violence perpetrated against women. Major political blocs formed with each group working on resolutions centering around creating an educational program to raise awareness about the issue.

### GA SIXTH COMMITTEE

The GA Sixth Committee is working on Topic II: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission. Representatives are trying to increase accountability and jurisdiction as well as increase training so that peacekeepers know what their obligations are. Representatives also suggest to increase education so that victims know their rights.

### ECOSOC

The United Nations Economic and Social Council broke into working groups Saturday evening. Among the topics discussed were the relocation of remote stockpiles of aid to areas most prone to natural disasters and greater accountability for each Member State.

### ECA

The Economic Commission of Africa exclusively discussed Topic II: The State of Governance in Africa, emphasizing on illicit financial flows. Member States are cooperating with each other with the goal of reaching a resolution.

### CSocD

The Commission on Social Development spent the evening discussing the status of the World Program of Action for Youth. The Commission is planning to split up into smaller committees to further discuss specific aspects of the program.

### UNHCR

The Executive Committee of the High Commissioner for Refugees caucused off and on throughout Saturday evening. Representatives urged the committee to work together as an international community only after determining the most pressing issues that face each region for refugees, internationally displaced persons and those facing sexual violence.



AMUN International once again welcomes Paul Rusesabagina from the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation as our 25<sup>th</sup> Conference Keynote Speaker. (Photo credit HRRF)

## PROFILE: AMUN KEYNOTE SPEAKER PAUL RUSESABAGINA

By Han Zhao and Malachi Petersen

Paul Rusesabagina was the manager of the Hotel des Mille Collines in Kigali, Rwanda during the Rwandan Genocide of 1994, a poignant memory for Rwandans throughout their recent history. Rusesabagina sheltered and saved more than 1,200 people through his connections and influences. Rusesabagina's story was the foundation of the movie Hotel Rwanda.

Rusesabagina is now the President and Founder of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation. He travels around the world to speak about social justice, human rights, and his experience during the Rwandan Genocide. The Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation raises awareness about the need for an internationally administrated Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region of Africa.

During a press conference with AMUN International Press Delegation reporters, Rusesabagina said that even in situations that seem bleak, “it’s never the end until the end.”

Rusesabagina said that his hope for his keynote address is to encourage young people to listen to their conscience and do the right thing.

“You are the only ones who can change the world,” Rusesabagina said.

## THE EU COLLABORATES ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOLUTION

By Rebecca Greenway  
UNHCR

A group primarily made up of European Union States is working on a resolution to lay out the legal framework in order to urge women and men to report sexual violence as it occurs.

After regional talks, the Representative of Ukraine urged the body to begin looking at the collective goals of UNHCR once each region had identified the most pressing issues affecting their countries.

Representative Zainab Zarzour of Italy said that the committee must keep in mind that they need to break

down social stigmas associated with women victims of sexual violence to increase the amount of cases reported. The representative said there are women who would “rather die than admit sexual abuse.”

Pictured above, the delegation of Italy explains the need to “break down social stigmas.”

“We need to find a way to break down the taboo,” Representative Zarzour said in the working group.

UNHCR representatives discussed how some of these issues could be fixed with administrative solutions, such as placing women in the roles of the coun-

selors and administrative staff, as well as conducting stronger background checks of the people running the programs.

Representative Martens of Palestine said that while sexual violence widely affects women refugees and the internationally displaced, it is also affects men as well as saying that one challenge moving forward in the committee is getting Member States to take seriously the concerns of their refugee population.

“They may be refugees from another country, but they are in your country right now,” Representative Martens said.

## THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE BEGINS ITS DELIBERATIONS

By Han Zhao  
ICJ

The International Court of Justice is kicking off with the Bolivia v. Chile case: the Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean.

The government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia filed an application to institute proceedings against the Republic of Chile on 24 April 2013. Bolivia firmly believes that

Chile has an unfulfilled obligation to negotiate with Bolivia regarding a path for sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean.

Throughout the conference, ICJ will also discuss two other cases: Germany v. United States of America and Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Both cases are historical cases. In accordance with AMUN rules and procedures,

both cases have the historical timeline. Any updates to the Germany v. United States case that is dated after 28 March 2000 will not be considered. Any updates to the Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo case that is dated after 26 November 2006 will not be considered. Court began at 8:30 a.m. Sunday starting with oral arguments by the Advocates of Bolivia.

## AMUN 2014 OFFICIALLY OPENS

By Rebecca Greenway and Morgan Carrico  
General Assembly

Opening Plenary session commenced at 6:00 p.m. on 22 November 2014. Secretary-General Kayla Schmidt Osborn opened with remarks to more than 1442 representatives attending the 25<sup>th</sup> annual American Model United Nations Conference.

Osborn thanked representatives for their preparations thus far, and was “very excited” to see the connections made between those materials and the works produced at AMUN.

Shannon Dunn, Executive Director of AMUN, drew parallels between the diplomacy practiced at AMUN with the careful negotiations which take place at home.

We all practice politics, even at the Thanksgiving table, Dunn said, in areas ranging from family seating placements, meal preparations and discussion topics.

“Imagine if your sister knows you’re failing chemistry,” she said. “Grandma has a stranglehold on the turkey and mashed potatoes and refuses to share unless mom apologizes for that thing that happened.”

“Imagine those family dynamics, except we’re talking about a national government failing.”

Announcements regarding conference business followed as Under Secretary-General for Administration Jessica Eick welcomed students and reminded Representatives of the strenuous efforts to be put forth at AMUN. Alluding to rising challenges such as hostile blocs, increasing tensions and exhaustive periods of caucusing to follow, Under Secretary-General Eick urged Representatives to not be discouraged.

The ceremony marked the opening of the four day conference, which features Representatives of 133 countries.



Secretary-General Kayla Schmidt Osborn

## Security Council & ICJ Updates

**CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL**  
The Contemporary Security Council voted Saturday evening to bring an expert from the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) to speak to the Council. To date, the virus has sickened 15,351 people and killed 5,459.

**HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '61**  
The Historical Security Council of 1961 remains engaged in debate over the effectiveness of Belgian peacekeeping troops stationed in the Congo. It is early January 1961 and a civil war has broken out.

**HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '93**  
Pakistan's motion to open discussion on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina was met with wide acceptance in a 14-1-0 vote. Representative Anjali Martin of the People's Republic of China expressed concern on the situation's time limits, stating that "opening such a large topic would limit debate and methods of resolution," and would "have to be suspended with the hopes of picking it up again."

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
The International Court of Justice has three cases to tackle for AMUN 2014. The first case that is being deliberated today is the *Bolivia v. Chile* case regarding the access to the Pacific Ocean. Oral Arguments began at 8:30 a.m., concluded at 9:50 a.m. and the Justices are now sealed off to deliberate and write their opinion.

### Docket for the ICJ

The International Court of Justice has set its docket for 2014. The Court will adjudicate the cases presently before it according to the following schedule:

- Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean (Bolivia v. Chile)* - 2013 (Present)
- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 23 November, 8:30 a.m.
  - Reading of the Opinion: Sunday, 23 November, 8:05 p.m.

- LaGrand (Germany v. United States)* - 2000
- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 23 November, 8:15 p.m.
  - Reading of the Opinion: Monday, 24 November, 6:35 p.m.

- Ahmadou Sadio Diallo (Republic of Guinea V Democratic Republic of the Congo)* - 2006
- Oral Arguments: Monday, 24 November, 6:45 pm
  - Reading of the Opinion: Tuesday, 25 November, 2:35 pm

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#AMUN2014 #GAPLEN #GA1 #GA2 #GA3 #GA6 #ECOSOC #ECA #CSocD #UNHCR #ICJ #HSC61 #HSC93 #SC  
And of course, tweet your thoughts about our Chronicle with the hashtag #IPD and @AMUNIPD!

## TODAY IN HISTORY

### *Nia Indelicato* *Director of Simulations*

Saturday marked the opening of the 25th annual AMUN Conference. To highlight such an illustrious event, the AMUN Secretariat thought it might be fun to take a look back through time and see what other interesting events have happened on 22 November through history. One event stuck out more than any other - a death. Not just any death, but the death of a world-famous man who played a large role in our nation's history. No, not President Kennedy, though, he also died on this day in 1963. This was no other than the most famous marauder in all of history, Edward Teach, or, as many of you more likely know him, Blackbeard. On 22 November, 1718, somewhere off the coast of Ocracoke Island, North Carolina, Black-

beard's luck came to an end. The story of Blackbeard's demise is an interesting one. Blackbeard rose to international fame a mere two years before his untimely death. From 1716 to 1718 he made quite a living and became a legend with his pirating practices off the coast of the mid-Atlantic seaboard. A few months before his death, Teach and the Governor of North Carolina entered into a secret agreement to work together to scam and capture merchant vessels coming into the Carolinas and Virginia. The Governor arranged for a royal pardon for Teach and gave him an estate, setting him up as newly minted high society in the Colony; all so he could hide under cover as the reformed sinner. In October 1718, the Governor of the neighboring Virginia colony, Alexander Spotswood,

received word that Teach was planning a huge party for the later part of November. Growing tired of the constant loss of profits for Virginia merchants, the Governor hired a small force of Royal seamen to attack Teach at the height of his festivities when he and his men would be most vulnerable. On the night of 22 November 1718, the seamen under command of Lt. Robert Maynard began their attack using two ships. For much of the battle Teach was able to outmaneuver and out-fight his would-be captors but eventually Teach found himself face to face with Maynard. Each drew his weapon and fired; only Maynard hit. Teach still fought but, wounded, was no match for Maynard who soon felled him with his sword, cutting his head clean off.

## PRESS RELEASES

### **Historical Security Council 1961 - Ceylon**

On 10 January 1961, the Security Council was able to pass a resolution in an attempt to stem the humanitarian crisis in the Congo. The first resolution provided for the establishment of four urban distribution centers throughout the Congo as well as on the creation of a rural mobile distributor. The aid issued included food and nutritional support, medical assistance and temporary housing aid. Ceylon and the rest of the Security Council will continue to work towards a solution in the situation in the Congo.

## PERSONALS

### *By Anonymous*

If you like Pina Coladas and getting caught in the rain. If you're not into yoga. If you have half a brain. I've got to meet you by Monday noon and cut through all this red tape. Then I'm the love that you've looked for - write to me and escape.

Dear Home Government, Now I know where your sugar stash is. Be sure to stock it with potato chips and cheddar goldfish for me. Thanks.  
-The Publisher

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