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## Committee & Council Updates

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

The Syrian Arab Republic co-authored a draft resolution concerning prevention of armed conflict. When questioned about the appropriateness of authorship, a committee representative said the Syrian Arab Republic is a good example of where armed conflict was not prevented, and felt qualified to author the resolution.

### GA FIRST COMMITTEE

The first draft resolution of the General Assembly First Committee, authored by Cuba, was moved to the floor, but failed to pass during the afternoon session of GA First on 23 November 2014. At least three other coalitions have begun drafting resolutions and express intent to seek dais approval.

### GA SECOND COMMITTEE

Representative Gilbert Botham of Switzerland moved to change the agenda for the Second Committee from Economic Entrepreneurship for Development to Promotion of New and Renewable Sources. The proposition was voted down in a 47-55-7 vote, but was brought back for another vote less than 20 minutes later. Representatives then debated whether to vote again before reaching an agreement to suspend the session for 30 minutes.

### GA THIRD COMMITTEE

Energy was high as the representatives looked to caucus to gain signatures for their draft resolutions. Collaborations were strong within the blocs, and the representatives were moving to their fellow representatives to advocate for strong education for children across the world.

### GA SIXTH COMMITTEE

GA Sixth Committee is moving forward on reaching a resolution on Topic II: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission. Representatives are working on a proposal to get enough signatures in place for debate. One of the resolutions in progress concerns transparency, ensuring that information on allegations against UN peacekeepers are public to the international community.

### ECOSOC

During formal debate, the United Nations Economic and Social Council representatives discussed the benefits as well as concerns with a resolution for the reallocation of aid. One concern was the potential for aid supplies to be reconstructed for military use.

## HOW IMPORTANT WORDS CAN BE – PAUL RUSESABAGINA

By Han Zhao  
Keynote Speech

During the Rwandan Genocide of 1994, Rusesabagina experienced a near-death situation where an assailant pointed a gun to his head asking him to kill the 26 people in the caravan. Rusesabagina did not have a gun, nor did the 26 people in the van, but Rusesabagina handled the situation by negotiating with the killer.

"This has led me to learn how important words can be," Rusesabagina said. "When whoever opens his or her mouth ... you

always end up with a solution."

Representative Robert Sazbo of Saudi Arabia said he found Rusesabagina's diplomatic strategy a valuable lesson. "The lesson I took out from the lecture was that it's important to always seek to figure out a problem with diplomacy before offering any violent solution," Representative Sazbo said.

Rusesabagina's speech also inspired Representative Sazbo with a new perspective. "I was very inspired by how he talked about if he would've had access to weapons, he didn't know how he would respond.

He was at a position where he had to act diplomatically, and that was ultimately the right decision," Representative Sazbo said. "I was very inspired because at that situation where my friends, my family, my countrymen being slaughtered, I don't think I would've had the discipline to react the same as he did."

Rusesabagina has strong faith and hope for the Representatives.

"You are the only one can shape tomorrow. Shape it the way you want it to be, and make the best out of it," said Rusesabagina as he concluded his speech.



Representatives of the Third Committee discuss a proposition for an educational program to decrease violence perpetrated against women.

## THIRD COMMITTEE WORKING TO PREVENT VIOLENCE TO WOMEN

By Malachi Petersen  
Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee broke into groups Saturday evening to discuss ways to decrease violence perpetrated against women throughout the world.

Nations split into regional blocs to discuss the topic with some nations floating from bloc to bloc to try to address issues relating to violence against women including domestic violence, human trafficking and cultural sensitivity to the issue.

Representative Christopher

Kambhu of Austria said his nation is working with the countries of Poland, Portugal, Ukraine and the Czech Republic on a proposal to create an educational program to inform people on the subject of violence against women.

"Austria talked about creating intervention or prevention centers – places women can go for medical care, mental health care, and child care," Representative Kambhu said.

Representative Laura Beth Cooper of Portugal, who was visibly leading and directing the conversa-

tion of the bloc, said the education legislation the nations are working on have three separate parts.

"We're looking at that right now in terms of preventing (violence against women), how education can help with helping and aiding victims and how education can help with bringing justice to victims," Cooper said.

Representative Cooper said there are approximately 10-15 countries working on the resolution.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AT AMUN #WHOLENEWBALLGAME

By Rebecca Greenway and Morgan Carrico

The participants of the 25th American Model United Nations conference are using social media to share their thoughts across the greater conference.

Since the beginning of AMUN, representatives have partaken in note-passing to fellow Member States in their committees, but social media has allowed pictures, jokes and questions to be spread across all the committees and is often not read by one specific party.

Twitter has led to a vibrant social media environment. Representatives and their advisors have been implementing the #AMUN2014 tag throughout the conference, adding photos, jokes and important highlights of their committees.

Wisconsin MUN tweeted quotes of the mid-morning Keynote Address with Paul Rusesabagina, President and Founder of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation. One tweet cites Mr. Rusesabagina's speech, reading "Words can be the weapons in a human being's arsenal." #keynote

#munkingdom #AMUN2014."

The use of the hashtag ranges from information sharing to light-hearted commentary. Advisor Pedro D. dos Santos of Luther College has emphasized the word "model" at AMUN, tweeting photos of his representatives' fashion choices within each committee. Representatives don blazers, dresses, skirts and slacks of all varieties; dos Santos labels his students' attire as "feminist-inspired," "professorial as always" and "1993."

## EDITORIAL NOTE:

The AMUN Secretariat would like to remind all delegations that diplomatic courtesy should be accorded at all times, including after hours and across social media platforms.

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## Committee & Council Updates, Continued

### ECA

The Economic Committee of Africa has brought a resolution to the floor. Four Representatives from the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Djibouti, and the United Republic of Tanzania will represent ECA to report to the Economic & Social Council.

### CSocD

The Commission on Social Development (CsocD) has been mainly focusing on their final report to the Economic and Social Council. The committee has divided into four smaller committees and has been creating solutions to achieve each committee's success.

### UNHCR

The International Federation of the Red Cross briefed the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner for Refugees on Sunday. One representative stressed the social and economic impact on vulnerable individuals marked as irregular, undocumented or illegal.

## Security Council & ICJ Updates

### SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council has requested that a representative from both the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) appear before and respond to questions from the Council.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '61

Concerning the Syria-Israel border dispute, the Historical Security Council of 1956 has invited the representatives for both parties to address the issue. Through an intense debate, the Council succeeded in passing its first resolution on the dispute with the vote of 11/0/1.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '93

Following an unopposed motion, a Bosnian-Serb Representative visited the Historical Security Council of 1993. The Representative stressed national sovereignty, stating that the nation would "not appreciate outside forces moving into the land stomping on [its] independence."

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The International Court of Justice is making progress on the Bolivia v. Chile case regarding a path for sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean. Justices said they are pleased with the progress of the court. Justices believe that they have gathered all the facts they need; they are currently establishing which laws to apply and how they apply. The case is getting closer to a consensus.



## PRESS CONFERENCES

### *Historical Security Council '93*

Pakistan and the Russian Federation held a press conference to announce the acceptance of two resolutions by the Historical Security Council of 1993, which would bring 2,000 UN peacekeepers to the region and extend United Nations Protection Force measures through 31 Dec 1993.

### *Afghanistan*

The delegation of Afghanistan addressed the press on Sunday afternoon regarding the executive order by United States President Barack Obama to keep United States troops in Afghanistan. The representatives said they anticipated "a violent reaction to this" and also proposed measures such as the implementation of an Ombudsman to monitor UN officials for corruption.

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## EXTENDING THE HYOGO FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

By *Rebecca Greenway*  
ECOSOC

During informal breakout sessions, the representatives of Botswana spoke with other Member States about a resolution on reducing the risk of humanitarian crisis through information gathering systems such as the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA).

Botswana, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea are collaboratively working on a resolution.

## BELGIANS IN THE CONGO

By *Yasmin Abdelmawla*  
HSC '61

Coming for help from the Historical Security Council of 1961, three Representatives of Congo came to discuss their different territories within Congo and to address the presence of the Belgian army.

President Kasa-Vuba, who was dismissed by parliament, strives for a capitalist democracy and chose to fire Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba. As the region of Katanga suc-

ceeded from Congo as a rouge military group, President Kasa-Vuba accused the Representative of Katanga of "jumping in at any time."

The Representative for Lumumba expressed the desire for a communist government, and yet choose silence when asked multiple questions. Even still, the USSR state that, "The only legitimate voice of the Congolese is Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba."

Lastly, the Representative for

the addition of digital information records that will be up-to-date and use new technologies available.

The committee also continued to discuss the reallocation of aid supplies and vehicles, a reserve system, new scholarship programs for college-aged individuals to innovate solutions for aid accessibility and an apprenticeship program to train home country officials in order to shift the role of aid coordination to home governments.

Katanga advocates that the people merely wanted a voice to be recognized as a nation. Though, the Representative was unable to answer regarding the slaughter of minorities going on in the northern region of Katanga. Even still, the Representative was able to sway the Representative of Ceylon from thinking that, "Katanga was a puppet for Belgium," and understands that the region just wants UN representation and support.

## ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS CHALLENGED IN ECA

By *Han Zhao*  
Economic Commission for Africa

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) moved resolution to the floor for Topic II: The State of Governance in Africa: The Dimension of Illicit Financial Flows as a Governance Challenge.

The resolution reached the floor early in the day. Permanent Representative Jeronimo Anaya Ortiz of

the United Republic of Tanzania said he is pleased with the Member States' efforts during the process.

"This is a great resolution," Representative Ortiz said. "Hopefully once we vote on it, there will be no abstentions and it'll pass by consent, which is the spirit of this body."

The Republic of Mali, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Djibouti, and the United Repub-

lic of Tanzania played a key role during the drafting process and will represent ECA to report to the Economic & Social Council.

"There were definitely some key leaders. But I will stress that this body has worked together that we've all put in effort to work as one," Permanent Representative Ortiz said.

## WEAPONS THREATEN ISRAEL

By *Malachi Petersen*  
Security Council

Representatives of the United States, United Kingdom, France, Republic of Korea, Australia and Israel gathered at a press conference Sunday morning to condemn the shipping of "dirty bombs" into the ports of Israel.

Representative Amanda Kruger of the United States said it came to the attention of the United States that "a large number of dirty bombs" were seized by Israeli officials. A "dirty bomb" is a type of radiological weapon that combines

radioactive material with explosives. No suspects were arrested at the time the weapons were seized.

Representative Kruger said there are indications the bombs were mass produced, and the United States is willing to "take whatever action need be to protect the security of Israeli civilians."

Representative Kruger said the bombs were to be used against the civilian population of Israel and an investigation into what individuals or groups were involved in the shipping of the bombs is underway. "We do have a trace on the

shipment at this time but we would not like to release the source as we have not collaborated with any of our allies," she said.

The Israeli government has started a separate investigation.

"As a peaceful member state, we view careless weapons trafficking as a threat and with the continued support of our allies condemn any terrorist activity. We hope to resolve this manner peacefully in order to prevent any future conflict," said Representative Breanna Johnson of Israel.

## PRESS RELEASES

GA Plenary - Saudi Arabia

We, as the citizens of the world, come together to review our role of preventing armed conflict. In order to address current issues and anticipate future problems regarding armed conflict, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been collaborating with South Africa on a resolution to establish Regional Security Advisory Councils. As members of the international community, our continued commitment to abolishing armed conflict has never been more resolute. In this time of strife, we stand strong in our role in preventing armed conflict in order to secure peace, prosperity, safety and security

HSC'61 - United States

The United States condemns the interference of Fidel Castro's authoritarian regime in the affairs of the peaceful nations of Latin America. Revelations about Cuban financial support for radical communist elements in Peru are deeply disturbing to the United States. The United States assures its allies in Latin America that it will employ any diplomatic, economic, and other efforts necessary to contain Castro's crimes.

ECOSOC-South Africa

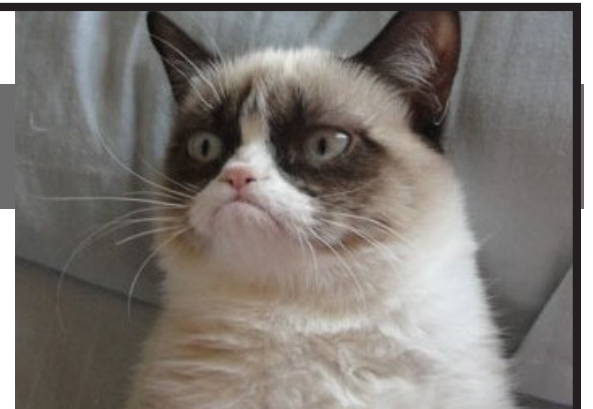
South Africa announces its strong support for the working resolution titled "Derailing Disasters." R.A.I.L. is an acronym that stands for Readiness, Accessibility, Infrastructure and Long-term sustainability. Ideas presented in this working resolution include the relocating of OCHA stockpiles to somewhere that is more accessible for disaster prone areas, collaborating with local leaders to provide crisis training. Other ideas include streamlining the appeals process, supporting a scholarship effort for college students interested in humanitarian aid, and an apprenticeship program for countries with limited access to higher education under the United Nations Development Program's administrative staff. The delegation of South Africa has been working collaboratively with several other nations including El Salvador, Congo, Guatemala, Indonesia, Cuba, and Colombia. We are open to any suggestions or input that Member States may have.

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