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Monday, 24 November 2014

Committee on the Agenda

Make sure your delegation attends the Committee on the Agenda. It is your chance to shape the future of AMUN by helping pick the topics.

Committee & Council Updates GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

The final motion of the General Assembly Plenary in its evening session on Sunday brought GA/ II/3 to the floor. Deliberations on the resolution will ensue Monday, 24 November 2014. The resolution boasts signatory support from all five permanent members of the Security Council.

GA FIRST COMMITTEE

After lengthy deliberations on individual operative clauses of GA 1st/ II/2, co-author Bahrain motioned for an extensive division of the question. Under the division, representatives would have voted for each of the four operative clauses individually. The motion did not pass by an overwhelming majority.

GA SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee passed Resolution 2nd/I/2 in a 64-34-13 vote. The resolution received more than 38 signatures and was authored by China, Australia, the Dominican Republic and Nigeria. The committee continued debate on proposed Resolution 2nd/I/1.

GA THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee voted to move Resolution 3rd/I/3 to the floor. The resolution, which includes 11 policy points, focuses on the intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women. The Resolution calls for the creation of an education program to "explain the rights of all genders" to children ages 5 to 10 and a separate program for young adults ages 12 to 18.

GA SIXTH COMMITTEE

GA Sixth has come up with three resolutions for Topic II: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission: The focus being transparency. The fourth resolution is in progress.

ECOSOC

The United Nations Economic and Social Council has come to a consensus on resolutions ECOSOC/I/1 and ECOSOC/I/2. One will renew and expand the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) until 2025 and the other will implement and utilize technological resources to strengthen Member State's capacity to respond to disasters.

Afternoon Edition

GA & ECOSOC PLENARY Tomorrow, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council will convene Plenary sessions to review the work of the week.

GO GLAMOROUS TO THE DANCE! You can't show off if you don't make it to the Representative Dance, tonight at 10:00 p.m. in the River Exhibition Hall B. (on the lower level)



General Assembly Plenary Session debated and passed a resolution on The expansion of Human Rights Education during the Monday morning session. the

LETS GO DANCE!

By Yasmin Abdelmawla Bring out your best tuxedos and your ballroom gowns to get ready for a night of excitement and extravagance at tonight's Embassy Ball themed party!

"I'm so excited for the dance! I'll get to meet lots of new people and just relax. Get my party on," said the Representative of South Africa. The delegate dance is a thrilling part of the AMUN experience where diplomats get

to "de-stress after a long day of hard work," Shannon Bamers. To preview the night, representatives were interviewed on their plans and on what they planned to wear to the dance. Director of Conference Services, Autumn Usmiller plans to be wearing a flowing red dress with white gloves. Editor of IPD, Zach Boston plans to come wearing his black silk tux. In comparison to last year's space theme dance, this year will certainly be different. Instead of space hats and lasers, it's going to be formal and elegant wear.

"I know everyone in committee has been working on resolution and I'm looking forward to getting loose on the dance floor,' says Trevor Sclecht representing Austria. So bring our your pearls and your bow ties and prepare to have fun at tonight's ball!

Chile Found Not In Violation of 1896 Treaty

By Han Zhao

ICJ

Despite the fact that Chile was not present for the final opinion session, the case of Bolivia v. Chile was decided in favor of Chile. The case was regarding

Chile's obligation to negotiate access to the Pacific Ocean.

According to the final opinion, "it is the opinion of the court that due to the ambiguity on the treaty of Commerce and Trade of 1896, the court finds that Chile

has met the terms of the treaty to the best of Chile's abilities." Ten justices worked towards

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Chilean government. The Republic of Chile has met its requirements under the designated treaties. The court also ordered that both Bolivia and Chile revisit the Treaty of Commerce, specifically

referring to its vague financial and municipal policies. The court suggested both countries cooperate with trade organizations to maintain current international standards and trade relations.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia filed to institute proceedings against the Republic of Chile on 24 April 2013. Bolivia stated that Chile had an unfulfilled obligation to negotiate with Bolivia regarding a path for sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean.

HUMAN RIGHTS **EDUCATION PASSES** GA CONCURRENT PLENARY

By Morgan Carrico

In a 44-25-31 vote, representatives from Kenya, Madagascar and the Holy See closed debate and passed resolution GA Plen/ II/1 within the General Assembly Plenary. The Plenary's evening session opened with a successful motion of division of the question, separating clause 9 and remaining clauses for individual vote. Operative Clause 9 was struck out quickly with a 13-55-26 vote.

The resolution highlights the implementation of policies in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an expansion of several United Nations and non-governmental organizations that aid conflict zones and proliferation of human rights education. In an interview, Representative Ellen Deweese of Holy See explained how the goals of the Holy See were implemented through the resolution.

"We really want to remind representatives that you cannot effectively fight violence with violence. Military intervention and other force-based measures only create additional conflict," Representative Deweese said. "...This resolution does address the prevention of armed conflict without the use of additional force and/or violence."

As reflected in the 29 no votes, the passing of GA Plen/II/1 did

A WIN FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN GA SECOND COMMITTEE

By Malachi Petersen

the final opinion of the case. The court ordered that negotiations are not needed for the control of the Litoral Territory, as it remains under the sovereign control of the

ECA

The Economic Commission For Africa (ECA) is moving on to Topic I: Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals. Representatives have been cooperating on a draft resolution with two main points in mind: define millennium goals, and strategies on implementing the goals.

CSoc**D**

The Commission for Social Development was able to divide and conquer. By separating the main commission into four subcommittees, the commission hopes to bring different perspectives on the issues.

GA Second Committee

While progress was made Saturday evening in Second Committee as Representatives approved a resolution on entrepreneurs, not all representatives agreed. Representatives voted 64-34-13 to pass Resolution 2nd/I/2 on the topic of Entrepreneurship for Development. The resolution, which was signed by 37 nations, was authored by China, the Congo, Australia, Dominican Republic and Nigeria. The resolution calls for an assessment of a country's resources and then provides training and funding for entrepreneurs in those regions. Representative Curt Allain of China said the process of getting the legislation to the floor to be vot-

involved several countries working after session to write the resolution. "This piece of legislation was a chore," Representative Allain said. "It started off with China [and] myself working hand in hand with the Congo, the African Bloc and Malaysia. The three of us were really trying to come together with the Asian countries that needed development." There was some opposition to the passing of the resolution, he added. "There was a communication breakdown at one point in time and then it seems there were some people that thought they were competing to get a resolution passed," Representative Allain said. Representative Adam Kall of the United Kingdom vot-

though he said he favored most of the points in the legislation. Representative Kall indiated there were two clauses in this resolution of concern; one of them encouraged the forgiveness of bad credit in a speedy manner for small entrepreneurship while the other clause asked for developed countries to forgive the debt of developing countries." More time should have been spent on the resolution, he added. "I would have loved to see this resolution passed in a near perfect state and due to some members feeling the need to push it along, it's now passed in an imperfect state," Representative Kall said.

not please some nations. The Russian Federation expressed discontent with the draft resolution. "[The Russian Federation] felt the resolution lacked strong language and was vague in a number of places," said Representative David Harris. "Specifically, its recommendation to Member States regarding arms trade lacked pertinent details. The draft resolution undercut both domestic courts and state sovereignty through Clause XV on the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice. These sentiments led to our no vote, and we have no doubt that other nations share these opinions."

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Committee & Council Updates, Continued UNHCR

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The United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees went into a consultative session Sunday evening to discuss new amendments to a draft resolution regarding the sexual abuse of refugees. Representatives discussed amendments to the three-point proposal including a health and safety amendment, an education amendment and a grammatical amendment to the legal framework of the resolution.

Security Council & ICJ Updates

SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council continued discussion on the disputed border region of Abyei between Sudan and South Sudan. The Council deliberated the demilitarization of refugee camps and the passing of a potential resolution calling for a referendum on the disputed region.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '61

The Historical Security Council of 1961 continued their discussions regarding the remaining Belgian troops in the Congo. The Council hopes to bring about peace talks between the three political leaders of the region.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '93

The Historical Security Council of 1993 released a Presidential Statement in response to the Somalia crisis. HSC93 condemned the killing of numerous United Nations peacekeepers, and expressed interest in continuing discussion of possible future action.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) justices presented the opinion for Bolivia v. Chile case at 8:05 p.m. Sunday. The court began consideration of Germany v. United States of America case at 8:15 p.m. Sunday.

AMUN Graduate School and Career Expo

Please join us for the annual AMUN Graduate School and Career Expo, which will be held on Tuesday, 25 November 2014 from 9 a.m until 1 p.m. on the Ballroom level Promenade! The following Schools and Organizations will be present and eager to answer any questions you may have as you embark on the next steps of your lives.

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- Washington University in St. Louis
- **Ohio Northern University**
- George Washington University
- University of Chicago
- University of Reading
- Ohio State University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Seattle University School of Law
- Regent University
- Indiana University at Bloomington Institute for **European Studies**
- Indiana University at Bloomington School of Pub- . lic and Environmental Affairs
- The Fund for American Studies DC Internships

PRESS RELEASES

By United States, United Kingdom, Lithuania, France Security Council

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization would like to inform the esteemed members of the United Nations that the information gathered by the Lithuanian and the Ukrainian governments revealed that there were 7,500 unwelcome soldiers in eastern Ukraine from the foreign threat of Russia.

We recognize Ukraine's current borders, including the eastern region. We urge Ukraine to accept foreign forces from NATO Member States to observe the issues within Ukrainian borders at this time, if those nations are so willing. By China

Security Council

The Unites States joint military exercise with the Republic of Korea is a threat to international peace and security. While the government of China understands the concerns of the United States regarding the threat of nuclear testing by Democratic People's Republic of Korea, military exercises in the East China Sea will only provoke further

CSocD Having divided itself into four smaller subcommittees, the Commission for Social Development was able to tackle multiple issues regarding the Status of the World Program of Action for Youth.

By Yasmin Abdelmawla

The social development subcommittee focused on children and youth rights through equal access to education. The civic engagement subcommittee focused on social and pothreats and continue to destabilize an already volatile situation. China has long been committed to a denuclearized, peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula and settlement of issues only through dialogue and consultation. The United States continues to extend its reach far beyond its borders and jurisdiction in efforts to hold on to its hegemonic status. The United States must cease antagonizing the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and allow for the Six Party Talks to resume in order to de-escalate this increasingly fragile situation. By Rwanda

GA Plenary

Often times, we don't realize or think about what is in the vast majority of the electronic devices that we use everyday. And, we certainly don't think twice about where they come from, yet, we become dependent upon these very devices for our daily use and entertainment. For those of us who have had the opportunity to fully enjoy and be a part of the technological divide, our view of the world allows for us to transcend borders without leav-

litical engagement. This subcom-

mittee plans to research previously

successful youth programs and ex-

plore the aspects that made those

programs successful. After doing

so, they will make this information

available to other countries in order

for those countries to replicate them

according to their respective needs.

institutions. Those minerals which manufacture of cell-phones, DVD players, laptops, gaming devices and such are Coltan-tantalum (columbo-tantalite), tungsten, tin, and gold. These minerals are mined in Rwanda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and surrounding countries in the region. Described as conflict minerals due to the destruction they fuel among will serve our appetites for technosumed by our appetite for technolthat multinational corporations are being held equally accountable.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BEGINS REPORT

Lastly, the employment subcommittee worked on three main areas which included economic infrastructure, economic involvement, and economical education.

The commission's final report

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By USSR

The Soviet Union is deeply disappointed by the Chronicle's characterization of East Germany as being "puppets" of the Soviet Union. This characterization is wildly inaccurate. East Germany is an independent and sovereign state. We request а correction as soon as possible.

RETRACTIONS Security Council

In the Sunday, 23 November Evening Edition of the AMUN Chronicle, we inaccurately reported the Security Council update on Page 1. The correction is: The Security Council entertained a request by Ukraine to discuss the situation in Ukraine, especially relating to the deployment of 7,500 troops in the east.

HSC '61

In the Sunday, 23 November Evening Edition of the AMUN Chronicle, we inaccurately reported the Historical Security Council of 1961 update on Page 1. The correction is: Three representatives from Congo filtered in to the Historical Security Council of 1961 as the representative from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics questioned the reliability of Katanga. The USSR states Katanaga's reports of sighting Lumumba as something "far more sinister."

Personal Ads

they can then promote other issues such as staying in school.

the people in these communities en-route to the markets where they logical gadgets and entertainment. It is Rwanda's understanding that 20 percent of the planet's population uses 80 percent of the its resources. Yet, we don't give it a second thought as to the lives that have been negatively impacted for those mineral resources to be conogy. If the United Nations is to maintain its efforts to meet it's Millennium Development Goals, then we as sovereign states must ensure

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Georgetown University – Masters in Conflict Resolution

University of California, San Diego

Chicago-Kent School of Law

Illinois Institute of Technology

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CS wants to give a big thank you shout-out to everyone on staff who have helped us with set up and breakdown – you rock!

Thanks IT for always fixing our problems. - IPD

Cheers to the guy who is all "you shall not pass!" to a friendly resolution.

We hope you enjoyed your afternoon in the city with all that snow coming down!

By Rebecca Greenway **UNHCR**

On Sunday afternoon, Member States of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees reported on the progress of a three-point resolution focused on health and safety, education and the legal framework needed to face issues in the refugee and internally displaced communities. Representative Jimmy Clark of South Africa urged the importance of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to build trust between the sexual health and safety counselors and administration. Representative Clark said this office

The health subcommittee looked into physical and mental health. By encouraging leisure time and promoting awareness of mental health issues, such as depression,

UNHCR HOLDS **PRESS** CONFERENCE

would conduct "random checks similar to the health checks at restaurants" to assure safety is being met in the camps as well as work to help protect refugees who are vulnerable to corruption from individuals running the programs. Culturally specific education on sexual abuse would be more effective than a "one-size-fits-all resolution," Representative Madeline Pickens from Argentina said at the joint press conference discussing the resolution's second point. Representative Sheyla Rabei of Iraq spoke to the third point of the resolution, and it includes identification cards and an anony-

will be based on each subcommittee's findings, and will be presented to the Economic and Social Committee on Tuesday morning.

mous sexual abuse reporting system. Concerns of a "criminal-like" fingerprint system that would leave refugees further marginalized was met with insight that the committee is currently looking into "less intrusive" options. Assigning women to positions such as sexual abuse counselors and to vocational positions like food production were also discussed. The representatives wanted to offer refugees options when looking for support in cases of sexual abuse as well as offer women vocational skills that would help them transition back to the workforce when they returned home.

To: Special Rapps of UNHCR Lovely job on reining in a report writing body that wants to write resolutions.

To: Hey Pakistan 1993 You guys are killing it in Council. Thanks for taking the lead on almost every issue. You're awesome!

Those IPD reporters are doing a fantabulous job! Congratuations on the latest Chronicle!