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## Committee & Council Updates

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLenary

Resolution GA Plen/I/4 passed during the Monday evening session of the General Plenary. The countries of Sweden, Australia and the United States partnered to address international debt relief through the refinement of Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) guidelines.

### GA FIRST COMMITTEE

The General Assembly First Committee has adopted a second resolution, GA 1st/II/7, sponsored by Portugal. The Committee has since switched to topic area one regarding the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Theory. The evening session commenced with a 30 minute suspension of the meeting for caucusing.

### GA SECOND COMMITTEE

Second Committee discussed the topic of the Promotion of New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Representatives discussed solar roads, micro-financing of renewable resources and the costs of renewable resources.

### GA THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee discussed the topic of terrorism Monday evening. Representatives spoke about maintaining basic human rights and privacy while implementing counter-terrorism policies. Rapporteurs reminded representatives that directly combating terrorism did not fall under the Committee's purview.

### GA SIXTH COMMITTEE

GA Sixth passed three resolutions on topic II: Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission. A motion to move to topic I did not pass. Representatives said they would like to continue working on the rest of the resolutions for topic II.

### ECOSOC

With 14 representatives voting in favor and 14 representatives against, Resolution ECOSOC/1/6 did not pass Monday evening in the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Later that evening, the committee adopted Resolution ECOSOC/1/7.

### ECA

The Economic Commission for Africa is working on the last two out of nine amendments for the third resolution on topic I: Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals. Several representatives are working on the report while the rest are brainstorming their resolutions.



Representatives in the General Plenary await a vote Tuesday Morning.

## A VIEW FROM THE ICJ JUSTICES

By Han Zhao

### ICJ

AMUN has 12 Justices serving on the International Court of Justice. It takes relatively six hours for Justices to reach an opinion for one case, aside from hearings. Some Justices discussed their ICJ experience this year.

*What does it feel like being a Justice?*

**Justice Kimberly Marek:** Being a Justice is hard, because you have to look at a lot of different laws and treaties, and make sure to interpret

the law correctly rather than based on my own opinions. It's hard but also rewarding. When I collaborate with other Justices, we figure out what the law means; it makes it really exciting to put together an opinion and solid judgment.

*ICJ has intense court hours; how does it feel? And how do you acclimate to the workload?*

**Justice Ryan Bird:** It gets really tiring. But just the fact that we stay so busy with the work, sometimes it feels like you are tired. So staying busy helps. When we finish up,

we realize "Wow! I'm really tired!"

*Do you have law experience? How does it apply to your ICJ experience?*

**Justice Chelsea Reinartz:** I work at a law firm, I know the correct procedure for doing things like this.

*What have you learned?*

**Justice Sidney Larsen:** I don't have any experience with the law. I have learned how documents always have to be looked at and opinions have to be put together. It just has been a real learning experience for me.

## FEMALE ARTIST BEYONCÉ TOPIC OF RESOLUTION

By Malachi Petersen

### Third Committee

A proposed resolution to use the female singer Beyoncé to decrease violence against women was discussed by Representatives of the Second Committee before the body moved on to discuss their second topic of terrorism.

The resolution, which was authored by Turkey, Bangladesh and Finland, implores Member States to recognize Beyoncé's song "Run the World" for its contribution to female empowerment.

Representative Peter Benzoni of Turkey said the resolution is meant to be "symbolic."

"I think a lot of the largest mo-

ments of history have been catalyzed by symbolic gestures. Look at things like the moon landing, the fall of the Berlin Wall — they were symbolic gestures that ended up catalyzing a whole cascade of changes that changed the world."

Representative Spencer Gordon of Ireland said the fact that the resolution has been taken as far as it has is "crazy."

"I think it is just people trying to have a little fun with it but maybe kind of losing sight of why we're here to do serious stuff," he said.

Representative Hayley Griffin of Austria said she thinks the resolution is "a cool idea" but had heard differing opinions on it.

## INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE RULES ON SECOND CASE

By Han Zhao

### ICJ

Justices of the International Court of Justice did not favor either country in the case of *Germany v. United States* on Monday.

Germany requested that the ICJ declare that the United States was guilty of violating the Vienna Convention, and that reparations should be made by the United States

on behalf of the LaGrand brothers.

According to the final opinion, "the Court finds that the United States of America is, in fact, guilty of violating the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963... the Court will not rule on the possibility of reparations due to the fact that this body does not have jurisdiction over individual's rights pertaining to a legal matter."

Eleven Justices worked towards the final opinion of the case. The Court did not order reparations at this time. However, the Court recognized that this is not the first instance of the United States violating the Vienna Convention regarding Consular Relations of 1963. Justices discouraged the United States against further violations as reparations may later be issued.

## Committee & Council Updates, Continued

### ESoC

The Commission for Social Development was able to adopt a report regarding topic I: Status of the World Programme of Action for Youth. Topic II: Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons is also underway as they have divided the report into three parts. Two portions of the report have been passed and debate on the third portion continues.

### UNHCR

The United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees passed four resolutions Monday regarding health and safety, education, cluster methods and the legal framework for sexual abuse of refugees. The Commission has now moved on to deliberations on issues regarding internally displaced persons.

## Security Council & ICJ Updates

### SECURITY COUNCIL

The Contemporary Security Council discussed the threat of the Islamic State of Syria and the Levant (ISIL) Monday evening. Representatives proposed the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for intelligence gathering, and the transportation of humanitarian aide to people affected by conflict.

### HSC '61

Former Prime Minister Lumumba was killed by tribal militia in Congo. The USSR blames the Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and demanded his immediate resignation through a written resolution. Many countries stood opposed the resolution, however, the United Arab Republic supports the resolution.

### HSC '93

After adopting resolutions HSC 93/7 and HSC 93/8 pertaining to Somalia, the Historical Security Council of 1993 has continued discussion on the country. Multiple nations are drafting a resolution to reform United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNISOM) regarding funding and peacekeeping operations.

### ICJ

Justices of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) presented the opinion for *Germany v. United States* of America case at 6:35 p.m. Monday. The court also began consideration of *Republic of Guinea v. Democratic Republic of the Congo* case at 6:45 p.m. Monday.

## UNHCR PASSES FOUR RESOLUTIONS

By Rebecca Greenway  
UNHCR

After three days of deliberations, the United Nations High Commissioner For Refugees passed four resolutions Monday and has begun draft resolutions on the issues facing internally displaced persons.

The major difference between discussing refugees and internally displaced persons is national sovereignty, Representative Landon Davison of Ethiopia said Monday evening. While the Committee is mindful of respective Member States' jurisdictions, the Representative said they are looking at incentive structures, policy-driven definitions of internally displaced persons and self-policing as potential solutions to the issues affecting internally displaced persons.

Representative Simone Martens of Palestine and Representative Daniel Kravchenko of Singapore spoke with Representative Davison in a joint press conference where they also discussed the Committee's work deliberating the integration of aid by non-governmental organizations, the removal of bureaucratic channels to create more efficient programming and cultural and linguistic training for those displaced persons in areas unfamiliar to them, among other topics.

Representatives Jimmy Clark of South Africa, Sheyla Rabei of Iraq and Madeline Pickens of Argentina also held a press conference on the adoption of four UNHCR resolutions regarding legal aspects of refugee identification and sexual abuse reporting, culturally specific education programming on sexual health and social stigmas against sexual violence, positioning women in counselor and other higher status roles in order to develop vocational skills and health and safety checks through the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

## GA COMBINED PLENARY PHOTO COLLAGE



## PRESS RELEASES

By China  
Security Council

China is shocked and appalled at the allegations made by the United States and Israel regarding unlawful shipping containers. The Chinese government only engages in legitimate trade and would never attempt to supply any sort of equipment to someone that seeks to harm civilians. After an exhaustive search by harbor masters in every port in China, we have found no records of the alleged containers having originated in or passed through China at any time. China views these allegations as nothing more than another attempt by the United States Government to covertly seek to destabilize China in fear of losing global hegemony. Additionally, Israel must be held accountable for all actions that infringe upon the rights of citizens, especially those working toward the creation of a Palestinian state

By Chad

GA 1st

Chad is both appalled and disgusted by the comments made by Serbia in GA First Committee on 24 November 2014. During a speech in support of a working resolution, the delegation from Serbia recommended the use of Western Sahara as a nuclear testing ground. Upon question, the Representative from Serbia clearly recognized that the implementation of this resolution would lead to the deaths of innumerable African civilians even outside the border of the Western Sahara territory. The delegation from Chad removed itself from the assembly in protest of the grotesque proposal of Serbia and strongly condemns both further discussion of the proposal and the comments made by Serbia. We strongly urge all African nations to join Chad in its strong condemnation of Serbia's actions.

### Personal Ads

To the hard working reporters at IPD, Thank you for your exceptional reporting this year. It has been a breath of fresh air having you.  
-IPD Staff

#listenlinda

Congratulations IPD staff for a job well done. Shout out to Hannah, Sarah, Josh, Fred and Samantha for valiantly leading us to victory!  
-Zach Boston

Dear geeks, we thank you for all you do. (You know who you are!)

Yik Yak. Enough said.

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