



## ICJ ADVOCATE MEETING

An informational meeting for all ICJ advocates will be held from 8:00 - 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 - 2:00 a.m. for any of our Representatives to use for socializing.

## 2015 – INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT

Shedding light on light, including the importance of light and light-based technology in space, economics, art and development.

## Top Regional News for UN

PHILIPPINES OPPOSE CHINESE ACTIVITY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA

China continues work near the resource-rich Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, converting reef beds into small islands. President Benigno Aquino voiced his concern over China's recent activity, claiming it will jeopardize maritime navigation and overhead flights in the busy region. In 2012, China's ruling Communist Party declared the Spratly Islands a "core national interest," putting them on the same level as Tibet and Taiwan, meaning China is willing to fight for these islands.

UKRAINIAN SEPARATISTS POSTPONE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Donetsk and Luhansk, two separatist regions of Ukraine, have delayed regional elections scheduled to take place on 1 November due to concerns the local elections would violate the 12 Point Minsk Agreement. The Minsk Agreement provided for elections in December and paved the way for potential constitutional reform which would grant increased autonomy to the separatist regions. However, it is unclear if the planned devolution in the Minsk agreement could be passed by the Ukrainian government.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY STEPS UP EFFORTS AGAINST ISIL

In response to the alleged bombing of the Russian Metrojet Flight 9268 and the recent ISIL-backed Paris terrorist attacks, France and the Russian Federation have stepped up their bombing campaign against ISIL in the Syrian Arab Republic, with the Russian Federation saying their warships are to work as allies of France.

At the G20 Summit, European Council President Donald Tusk criticized the Russian Federation's airstrikes, claiming they were focused on moderate Syrian opposition at the expense of targeting ISIL and the airstrikes were contributing to the refugee crisis.

Meanwhile in Iraq, Kurdish Peshmerga forces have retaken the city of Sinjar, located along the main road between the ISIL-controlled cities Raqqa and Mosul. Working in cooperation with coalition airstrikes, more than 7,500 Kurdish fighters have entered the city and currently control over 80 percent of Sinjar.

HOTEL HOSTAGES RELEASED AFTER ATTACKS IN MALI

Hostages taken by gunmen at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Bamako, Mali, have been freed by Malian special forces after an attack on Friday. Al Jazeera reports it received a message from Al Mourabitoun, an Al-Qaeda affiliated group, claiming responsibility for the attack, which killed 21.



Representatives enter into Opening Plenary Session for the 25th Annual Conference at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in 2014. 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 Collin Bockman*  
*Under Secretary-General,*  
*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 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 careful 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 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.

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## SUDANESE WORKERS STRIKE IN ABYEI

*By Lorenzo Von Schwartzburg*  
*Security Council*

The Sudanese local staff working for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) have been on strike since 1 November 2015, demanding to be paid in US dollars.

Composed mainly of Ethiopian troops, the 4,000-strong force was established following the seizure of Abyei by the Sudanese army in May 2011 after clashes with the southern army (SPLA) in the area. Its main mandate is to ensure the redeployment of troops out of the contested area and to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians.

Sources told Sudan Tribune that 250 UNISFA national staff

in Khartoum, located 30 kilometers north of Abyei, have been demanding their salaries be paid in US dollars instead of the faltering Sudanese pound, stating that their colleagues in South Sudan are being paid with US dollars, so they should be as well. The move is motivated by the country's high inflation rate and the fall of the Sudanese pound (SDG) following the secession of South Sudan and the austerity measures implemented to reduce Sudan's budget deficit.

The staffers say their salaries do not cope with the rapidly rising cost of living and the deteriorating economic conditions in the country.

According to the sources, the Sudanese staff who have staged

the strike include 55 permanent workers and 90 temporary workers in Abyei and another 100 workers in Khartoum.

The same sources pointed out that UNISFA said the Sudanese foreign ministry refused to pay the salaries of the local staff in the international missions and organizations in hard currency. They continue to stress that the local staff have repeatedly asked the former foreign minister, Ali Karti, to allow them to receive their salaries in US dollars, saying the minister approved their request but the UNISFA makes flimsy excuses to avoid implementing the minister's decision.

SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 26<sup>TH</sup> AMUN CONFERENCE

**You will shed your college-student exteriors to become the distinguished Representatives of your respective States.**

*By Kristen Chellis*  
*Secretary-General*

The time has come: suits have been ironed, position papers have been written and rewritten, and last-minute information cramming has been completed. AMUN 2015 is upon us, and as the world continues in conflict, we press "pause" for a few short days to explore what diplomacy means and how we can make a greater positive impact on our environment. In light of the recent events in Beirut, Paris and Bamako, we're reminded through horrific tragedy of the great importance of thinking diplomatically.

These next four days, you will shed your college-student mantle and tackle some of the most difficult issues that face the globe today. Through consensus building and compromise, you will attempt to solve these complexities. Sometimes, you will fail. But more often, you will learn to explore new perspectives and alternate solutions. From this experience, you will gain a better understanding of what it means to eliminate poverty or resettle refugees. You'll discover the importance of fresh water and food security. You will gain a better understanding of what it means to be human.

While these issues can be challenging, they are ever more crucial. Regional instability coupled with environmental concerns and large scale human displacement create a precarious world in which to live. These far-reaching problems are highlighted by the increasingly-global scope of our world, and now the plight of distant populations becomes the plight of our own local communities. It is more important than ever to practice diplomacy and to learn the tenets of compromise, problem-solving and compassion.

My hope is that you leave this conference with confidence: confidence to take this knowledge into your real life and apply it. I hope you will listen to others and truly hear what they have to say. The viewpoints of others should never be discounted because we find them frightening or uncomfortable. Use this time to learn from those around you — from other Representatives to Secretariat members. Challenge yourself, and challenge the world around you. I have faith that you will succeed.

## 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 ask for a reporter to deliver breaking news or request an interview.

**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 in your committee room.



## COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Algeria - Kansas State University  
Angola - Luther College  
Argentina - University of Central Oklahoma  
Armenia - Central Michigan University  
Australia - St. Olaf College  
Bangladesh - Indiana University-Bloomington  
Belarus - Missouri Southern State University  
Brazil - University of St. Thomas  
Burkina Faso - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Cambodia - East Texas Baptist University  
Canada - Westminster College  
Chad - University of Illinois at Chicago  
China - Indiana University-Bloomington  
Colombia - Creighton University  
Costa Rica - Valparaiso University  
Croatia - University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Cuba - Southeast Missouri State University  
Czech Republic - Kansas State University  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea - University of Mount Union  
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Saginaw Valley State University  
Djibouti - University of Notre Dame  
Ecuador - Indiana University-Bloomington  
Eritrea - St. Olaf College  
Greece - Truman State University  
Guatemala - St. Mary's College  
Holy See (Observer) - Phoenix College  
Hungary - University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
India - Truman State University  
Iran, Islamic Republic of - Iowa State University  
Ireland - Johnson County Community College  
Japan - Purdue University Calumet  
Kuwait - Denison University  
Latvia - Marian University  
Lebanon - Alverno College  
Liberia - Anderson University  
Liechtenstein - St. Lawrence University  
Lithuania - Northern Kentucky University  
Madagascar - Saint Louis University  
Malaysia - Eastern Michigan University  
Maldives - Dominican University  
Mali - Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
Monaco - University of Mount Union  
Mongolia - Carthage College  
Namibia - Loyola University  
Netherlands - Hendrix College  
New Zealand - Johnson County Community College  
Nigeria - University of South Dakota  
Oman - University of Arizona  
Palestine (Observer) - Augustana College  
Panama - University of Arizona  
Paraguay - University of St. Thomas  
Poland - Hendrix College  
Portugal - Saginaw Valley State University  
Romania - Loyola University  
Russian Federation - Western Kentucky University

## 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 37 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 dress up in 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 2015 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 propaganda 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.

## WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE WITH BLUE BADGES WANDERING AROUND MY COMMITTEE?

*By Emily Davis*  
*Under Secretary-General for Rapporteurs*

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 session, staff should be available

to assist there as well. Specifically, Rapporteurs may clarify a procedural issue, suggest an alternate perspective, or suggest a possible roleplayer 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 REMEMBER 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!

### QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, GET THESE UNIQUE SOUVENIRS BEFORE SUPPLIES RUN OUT!

Don't forget to submit personal ads to IPD to be published in a future AMUN Chronicle

## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT WEAR: DIPLOMATIC COURTESY BEGINS WITH YOUR WARDROBE

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

*By KellyMarie Z. Meek*  
*Deputy Director-General Home Government*

Welcome to Chicago! Hopefully your bags have joined you, and they're packed full of four days of glorious western business attire to keep you looking as professional as you'll be acting throughout your simulations. What is western business attire? If you check your *Rules and Procedures* handbook on page three, you'll find an explanation of AMUN's dress code policy. In short, suits are fantastic. Dress pants, skirts or dresses, dress shirts and shoes are essential for everyone, and ties are required for men.

Let's say, hypothetically, that some items you thought were in your suitcase didn't actually make it. You're in good company; it happens to me every year. There are a ton of stores in Chicago, but a) they are spend-y, and b) you came here to work as diplomats, not to shop, right? Your best option is to find a friend from your delegation who is similar in size and borrow something fabulous. If you need a tie or a scarf, you can visit the Conference Services desk, where they can loan you one of these items. If you need additional assistance, please feel free to approach any secretariat member, and we'll be happy to help you. Have a wonderfully fashionable and productive Conference! I'll be ready in Home Government with high-fives for awesome outfits.

## COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION, CONTINUED

Saudi Arabia - Bethel University  
Senegal - Luther College  
Serbia - College of Wooster  
Singapore - Loyola University  
Slovakia - Baylor University  
South Africa - Park University  
Sudan - Drake University  
Sweden - University of Illinois  
Syrian Arab Republic - Loyola University  
Thailand - Indiana University-Bloomington  
Turkey - University of Arizona  
Turkmenistan - Indiana University-Bloomington  
Uganda - University of Arizona  
United Arab Emirates - Central Michigan University  
United Kingdom - University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
United States of America - Carthage College  
Uruguay - University of Arizona  
Yemen - Eastern Michigan University