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Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

The Concurrent Plenary voted to change the topic of consideration to a discussion on the Millennium Development Goals Saturday night. Member States are now working to address global issues of sustainability, education, and poverty.

GA FIRST COMMITTEE

Consensus has been slow to arrive in the First Committee due to disagreements over the importance of chemical weapons. However, the committee resolved to make chemical weapons the first issue. Common themes in caucuses include increasing transparency, containing weapons and mitigating the effects of weapons.

GA SECOND COMMITTEE

The sustainability of small-scale agriculture has been the major focus of the Second Committee, specifically the importance of small and mid-size farms to local economies. Several countries echoed these ideas, proposing the establishment of partnerships between large agricultural industries and small, local farms.

GA THIRD COMMITTEE

Representatives of Uruguay and the United Arab Emirates both find value in helping migrants and refugees find host countries that would allow them to thrive in accordance with their current skill sets. The consideration of the upcoming winter weather and refugee camp conditions continues to reiterate the importance of time.

GA SIXTH COMMITTEE

The Sixth Committee began the morning with a 30-minute unmoderated caucus to discuss working papers. Countries authoring working papers include Eritrea, Sweden, Finland, the United Arab Emirates, Thailand and Kenya.

UN-HABITAT

UN-Habitat discussed the importance of the improvement of sustainability of historical cities as these need special recommendations. Representative Renie Saenz of Slovakia noted that it is crucial to protect the historical integrity of the city but also improve sustainability at the same time.

ECOSOC

The body brought forth a motion to limit substantive speeches to three minutes with five points of inquiry. Despite much resistance from Uganda and South Africa arguing for a longer speaking time, in order to go more in depth during the debates, the motion passed.



Representative Alina Clough of Italy holds the first press conference of 2015, discussing drug trafficking for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

CITY MANAGEMENT IN HISTORICAL CITIES

By: *Katharina Bochtler*
UN-HABITAT

UN-HABITAT seems to agree on four larger topics of importance: combating the effects of climate change, technological innovation, education, and cities and climate change. Last night, the committee set the agenda to first debate Cities and Climate Change as the first topic of discussion. One

OF MICE AND MEN

By: *Dana Drosdick*
GA First Committee

By consensus the First Committee agreed to address the issue of chemical weapons. Though all states formally support the eradication of chemical weapons, there is little enforcement to eradicate chemical weapons. Three Member States (the United States, the Russian Federation and Libya) have neither signed nor ratified the Chemical Weapons Convention. Addition-

COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS STARTS TO SPLIT

By: *Merrisa Stevens*

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The CND began discussing splitting into subcommittees to begin writing their report on drug trafficking. Many representatives seem to still be in favor of the economic approach from the Saturday evening session, with two potential subcommittees being focused on eliminating supply and demand through incentives such as recom-

group, led by Representative Renie Saenz of Slovakia, took into consideration the importance of sustainability of historical cities. Representative Saenz noted that for historical cities, it is crucial to keep the historical integrity but, at the same time it is also necessary improve the sustainability. Improvements should include

ally, 93 Member States that have ratified the Convention have no legislation to actually enforce it.

Currently, the predominant voices in Committee are the Representatives from Kenya, Yemen and Serbia. Collectively they are proposing an initiative called MICE (Medical, Information, Containment, and Elimination of chemical weapons). Representative Richard Ruano of Kenya

mending tax breaks for non-drug users. Some nations suggest recommending financial and infrastructure support for developing nations in order to eradicate the financial appeal of drug trafficking. Another potential subcommittee would be focused on maritime law and other forms of transporting drugs in order to develop suggestions for the

updating of sewer management and reducing building density. A representative from Japan stated that it is also necessary to report on emergency preparedness, not only in the developing world but also on more developed countries that are affected by natural disasters, as a part of the larger topic of combating the effects of climate change.

stated that the MICE program focuses on eliminating chemical weapons through medically treating those affected by chemical weapons, containing chemical weapons, and sharing information.

Representative Karl Badger from Senegal, a fellow supporter of the MICE program, stressed the need to focus on the "indirect factors [resulting in] non-State production of chemical weapons."

prosecution of international offenders and eliminate those supply channels.

Nations are also discussing recommending regional efforts to combat drug trafficking instead of individual states, and starting a dialogue on what has worked for each state individually and what has not in order to develop more effective systems of detection, seizure and prosecution.

PRESS CONFERENCES

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

During a press conference held Sunday morning, Representative Alina Clough of Italy said that though Italy is focused on the social aspects of fighting drug trafficking, one problem the CND has is, "talking about social issues the same way [they're] talking about demand issues." However, the proposal of subcommittees featured the demand and social aspects as separate committees. Despite this, Representative Clough also says they "really do feel like [they're] heading in the right direction."

SIXTH COMMITTEE CAUCUSES ABOUT WORKING PAPERS

By: *Linnea Peterson*

GA Sixth Committee

After formal debate last night, the Sixth Committee began the morning with an unmoderated caucus to discuss working papers by Representatives from Eritrea, the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Sweden, Finland and many other countries.

Eritrea proposes an annual summit on international terrorism, akin to the current global summits on climate change. The United Arab Emirates is focusing on cyber-recruitment, incorporating Singapore's idea of creating a shared information system that would track the online activity of those who visit terrorist websites.

Kenya would like to reform the International Court of Justice to prosecute countries that engage in State-sponsored terrorism. Kenya's working paper also includes plans to oversee aid and reconvene the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

Sweden and Finland aim to reaffirm the UN's previous work on terrorism, create an international intelligence network, work against cyber-terrorism and screen migrants whenever they cross border in order to limit the movement of terrorists. According to Representative Meirav Malter of Finland, "We need to stay a cohesive body and work together to find a comprehensive resolution."

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Committee & Council Updates, Continued

ESCWA

Delegates have divided into three subcommittees to efficiently approach the topics. Representative-led discussions regarding promotion of government trust, security and economic growth development are being spearheaded. Representatives are intently discussing and deliberating options and ideas.

CND

The CND began today's session with a purpose: writing their report on drug trafficking. The CND began to split into subcommittees to allow for a deeper discussion on specific issues facing the prosecution and elimination of drug traffickers.

Security Council & ICJ Updates

CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL

Concerning the tensions in the Middle East with ISIL in Syria, the Security Council has requested that a representative from Syrian Arab Republic appear before the committee to answer questions about where they stand on ISIL and the humanitarian crisis.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '67

Talks continue in the Historic Security Council of 1967 about the conflict in Viet-Nam. The Republic of Viet-Nam is eager to achieve peace through diplomacy. The Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam refuses to come before the Council. Israel faces attacks from Syrians in Golan Heights.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '03

The Council heard from Dr. Hans Blix, Chief Weapons Inspector, who delivered a speech updating representatives on the situation in Iraq. Blix neither confirmed nor denied the presence of weapons of mass destruction.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

In a historic case before the International Court of Justice, Serbia and Croatia appealed to the good sense of the justices in their quest to reach an end of their disputes with necessary reparations.

EDUCATION: THE FOUNDATION OF EQUALITY

By: *Matt Quanstrom*
ECOSOC

ECOSOC has continued to push for equality for women, and education has emerged as a very important key in solving this issue. Many chronic crimes against women, especially murder, recur in countries, such as Iraq, where the lack of equality is due to culture. The Representative Nicole Banistean

of the United States responded that the culture does not educate women at all. Representative Banistean suggested the way to solve the issue of these women's lack of education is to educate them so that they may look out for themselves and prevent crimes from occurring. Representative Andrea Ocando of the United Kingdom proceeded to ask the U.S. just exactly how to promote their plan to

educate these women. The United States replied they would offer incentives such as grants and scholarships so women could be accepted into schools. Smaller groups are also beginning to be formed such as the HOPE Initiative (Helping Our Women Progress through Empowerment) to create incentives for countries to establish a more equal education system.

COUNCIL CONTINUES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS IN VIET-NAM

By: *Raleigh Dixon*
HSC 1967

Following a request to join discussions at the Historic Security Council of 1967, the Republic of Viet-Nam outlined its hopes for the prospects of peace and security regarding the ongoing conflict with the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. The Republic of Viet-Nam believes a two-state solution is possible, as long as both sides are

willing to use diplomacy instead of violence. They requested the United States end its bombing campaign in a show of good faith to The Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam. Following the decision of The Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam to not send a delegate to the council, the Republic of Viet-Nam reiterated that they would not put down their weapons until The Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam did first.

Elsewhere, Israeli tractors were shot at by Syrian fighters in the demilitarized zone of the Golan Heights, prompting a skirmish between the Israeli and Syrian Air Forces, and Congolese President Joseph Mobutu proposed a referendum in order to ratify a new constitution for the Republic of the Congo. The Council is watching this carefully due to the recent turmoil in other decolonized African nations.

PRESS RELEASES

Norway UN-HABITAT

The Kingdom of Norway would like to formally recognize the substantive ideas proposed in the UN-HABITAT Governing Council. Right now we are engaged in collaborative discussions on topic two: Cities and Climate Change. Most of the countries are invested in efforts to create designated subcommittees on urban planning combating global climate change, specializing methods of addressing climate change in developing nations, and alternative energy solutions.

Some delegations proposed a carbon fuel tariff while others opposed this, fearing that it may lead to economic recessions within their respective countries. Opposing delegations are interested in creating regional committees to better address climate change in their areas,

especially in relation to alternative energy solutions in response to rising sea levels. Norway feels it is important to commend the representatives on their thoughtful contributions and hopes to work with them to create well-developed reports.

United Kingdom and United States HSC 2003

The United Kingdom and the United States of America are gravely concerned about the escalating tensions in Iraq. We are additionally concerned about the evidence of chemical weapons and the intentions of the Iraqi government to develop nuclear weapons which have been discovered through several interested state actors.

We are dismayed at the lack of cooperation and action taken by this Security Council.

Syrian Arab Republic HSC 2003

The nations of The Peoples Republic of China, Syrian Arab Republic, Russian Federation, Guinea, France, Angola and Cameroon strongly condemn the presence of the United States of America's unsanctioned and illegal forces in Iraq. We believe the presence of troops in the region of Iraq violates national sovereignty, and we express grave concerns. We urge the United States of America to swiftly and peacefully remove their armed forces from Iraqi borders. The presence of these unsanctioned and illegal forces are hindering the processes highlighted in Resolution 1441. The aforementioned countries urge other members to make mindful responses that do not infringe upon a country's sovereignty.

FINDING THE BEST FIT

By: *Iesha Robinson*
GA Third Committee

Representatives of the Third Committee continue to debate migrant and refugee policies.

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Representative Brandon Hudspeth of Finland

Personal Ads

The honorable delegation of Uganda of the GA Third Committee would like to express its eternal love and devotion to the delegation from Uruguay. All of them. They're beautiful.

Dear Lindsay,
Jorge misses you!
Love, The HG Minions

JG- Hips don't lie -AJ

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black backpack
black coat

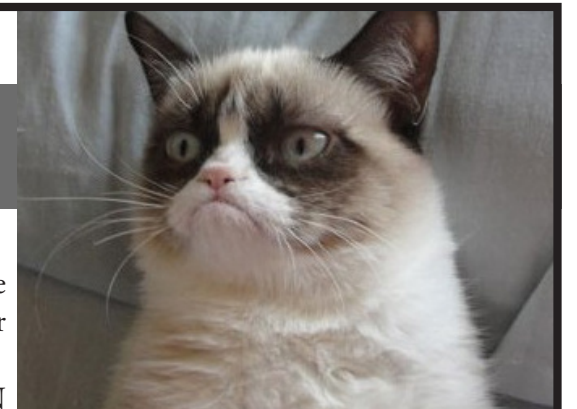
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IRAQ MAIN POINT OF DISCUSSION

By: Crystal Ham
HSC 2003

The date is 27 January 2003 in the Historical Security Council of 2003. Representatives were deeply involved in debate on whether to invite a delegate from Iraq for a first-hand perspective on the situations in the Middle East. A motion to bring in a representative from Iraq for one hour at a later time, as one was not presently available, was passed by consensus. Representative Gabriella May of Mexico reminded delegates to remain respectful of any Representative of Iraq when that time arrived.

Many Member States were concerned that Representatives of the United States were being overly aggressive, leading to a discussion on diplomatic courtesy. Representative Nicholas Cottrell of the United States of America admitted to being aggressive, but said brute force was needed at this time of tension to relieve the concern of negative action being taken by Iraq.

DISCUSSIONS FOR PROGRESS BEGIN TO FORMULATE SUCCESS

By: Joshua Atherson
ESCWA

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GA CONCURRENT PLENARY CHANGES TOPIC

By: Raechel Pusateri
GA Concurrent Plenary

After further debate last night, the Concurrent Plenary voted to change the topic of consideration to the outcome document of the special event to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Arguments in favor of this change demonstrated a focus on addressing issues of education, poverty and sustainability.

FOOD TRADE RESOLUTION DRAFTED

By: Sophie Foreman
GA Second Committee

In the Second Committee, Greece and United Kingdom have finished drafting a resolution establishing standards for trade of food. According to Representative Patrick Madden of Greece, many developing nations receive food that is lower than the World Health Organization's required quality. High

While caucusing, several Member States have formed groups to address the issues raised by MDGs. The Russian Federation is working to come up with a comprehensive plan of action designed to address MDGs as a whole. So far, around 30 countries have joined the Russian Federation. The group is so large that they have broken into sub-committees to deal with various aspects of the plan. Other delegations are working toward more focused

quality food is vital for proper nutrition and food security. The proposed resolution will aim to solve this problem by creating a commission to connect the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the World Trade Organization. Though the draft is yet to be brought to the floor, the representatives have been in

RESOLUTIONS UNDERWAY REGARDING ISIL AND THE SYRIAN REFUGEES

By: Neil Jain
Contemporary Security Council

The Security Council continued its focus on the crisis in the Middle East, specifically ISIL and the humanitarian crisis with the Syrian refugees. Ideas to invite representatives from different factions to help gain a better understanding of where each party stands were proposed. The groups were the Kurds,

the Free Syrian Army, the National Coalition of Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces, the Syrian Armed Forces, a representative from UNHCR, and a representative from Syrian Arab Republic. The committee unanimously voted to invite a representative from the Syrian Arab Republic to better understand their position on ISIL and the refugee crisis. Member States

goals. The Asian and African blocs would like to address the issues of education and poverty specifically.

During session, a large number of Member States are participating in debate, and time has been split evenly between caucusing and facilitated debate. Representatives have maintained diplomatic courtesy and are focused on working with each other to address MDGs.

discussion with several countries.

"There is widespread support throughout the committee," Representative Kimberly White of the United Kingdom said. "We need to review the language with other representatives and include any additional ideas."

The delegates hope to see the resolution draft considered by the committee by Sunday afternoon.

are working together to reach a holistic resolution that works to combine the policies of each country. Many countries look forward to gaining insight on whether or not Syrian Arab Republic will take an active role in improving the situation in the war stricken region. The committee will be working towards reaching a resolution soon to provide much needed assistance.

IPD: HOW TO REQUEST A PRESS CONFERENCE

By: IPD Editorial Team
International Press Delegation

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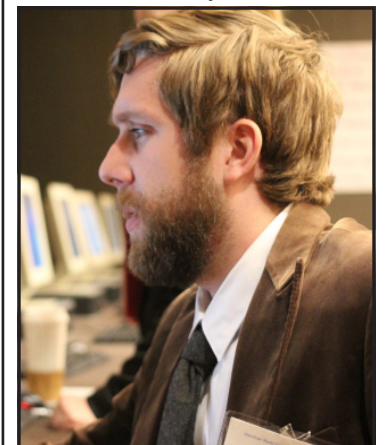
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Crystal Ham
Historical Security Council 2003



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GA First Committee



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International Court of Justice

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