

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 on Saturday.

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.

CONFERENCE WI-FI IS HERE!

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COMMITTEE TICKER

GA PLENARY

The recent outbreaks of Ebola and Zika have proven that the world has shed itself of physical borders and as we continue our path towards globalism, so does health risks and issues.

General Assembly First Committee praises handful of Member States making pledge to not be the first to place weapons in outer space, encourages others to follow suit.

GA SECOND

Representatives from 170 member states are gathering in Vienna this week, from November 21st to 25th, to celebrate the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's (UNIDO) 50th anniversary. Member states are eagerly awaiting more details on the new Programme for Community Partnership, which UNIDO has promised will provide custom-built poverty elimination programs for each county.

GA THIRD

Since the beginning of the Syrian Civil war in March 2011, the total population of internally displaced persons has grown from 600,000 to 7.6 million people at its height in 2014. As of September 2015, 6.6 million people are displaced in Syria.

GA FOURTH

The Quartet, comprised of the United States, European Union, United Nations and Russia, have called on Israel and Palestine to undertake positive actions and direct bilateral negotiations.

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Since 1960, 56 women have been elected to the top office in 44 countries. Twenty-two countries currently have women in the top role, including Liberia, Lithuania, Argentina, and the Central African Republic, to name a few.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF EUROPE

Energy sustainability and conservation on consumption is of upmost importance in the culturally diverse and population-dense European nations. The Commission must decide on how to create innovative solutions.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Israeli Chief Rabbi called for the death penalty for homosexuals, saying the Torah "punishes [homosexuality] with death." Political and community leaders in Israel have called for his resignation.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

IAEA's Third International Conference on Nuclear Knowledge Management from November 7-11th in Vienna draws experts from 61 countries together to discuss challenges and successes within the industry.

SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 27TH AMUN CONFERENCE

*By Jacob P. Torres
Secretary-General*

Welcome, one and all, to AMUN XXVII. You have all worked hard to get here. Your clothes have been ironed. Your position papers have been drafted. You're packed to the brim with knowledge about the United Nations and its Member States. You've spent long hours researching for your specific simulations. Your incredible work has brought you to this moment.

Outside the Conference the world moves on. We will take a moment and step away from the current events of the global community and the noise of the internet and the 24-hour news cycle. Today, as representatives of your Member States, you will set the course of international discourse and shape solutions to the challenging problems the nations of our world face. Unencumbered by the bureaucracies and pitfalls of government with national agendas, it will be your knowledge, your preparation, and your creativity that will shape the response of nations as you bring fresh perspective to enduring problems.

But we can't ignore the state of the world at this moment—it has shaped the impending deliberations of your simulations. Europe is an increasingly divided continent, and many members of the EU are amidst impassioned ongoing debates on how their countries should contribute into a globalized market. Russia has left the International Criminal Court while increasing its intervention in Syria.

Acts of terror by non-state actors continue to increase, with tragic attacks in Brussels, Nice, Ankara, Istanbul, Orlando and many other places. Food security has become a dire concern for many nations in Africa and Asia. We are constantly reminded of how tenuous and how precious lack of conflict is, and how important good diplomatic relations are between states.

Over the next four days, you will take up the mantle of a diplomat and do your best to bring a fresh perspective to the problems facing our global community. Working together, you will attempt to build consensus and find common ground upon which you can move forward with other countries. Sometimes you will fail. Sometimes you will not always be able to find immediate solutions. You will have to compromise, changing your approaches and solutions to find commonalities that bring Member States together.

These experiences will be educational. You will gain a better understanding of the plights of refugees. You will get insight into how developing nations try to build their national economies while striving to develop their infrastructures sustainably. You will encounter new perspectives on human rights, gender identity, and sexual orientation. You will address nuclear security in the Middle East and beyond.

Today we all live in a community where even local conflicts or problems can reach the attention of an increasingly connected world. As the representative to a

Member State of the United Nations, you will get to decide if we're stronger united or if our nations must face challenges alone. You get to decide if the environmental concerns of today are problems we address together today, or if this is something we pass along to the next generation. You will get to advocate for or against displaced persons, who yearn for a peaceful home among strangers. You will be able to advance the goals of your nation but do not forget to listen to the mandate of your conscience.

I wish you luck in your deliberations. Many of the topics discussed at this conference are not new, and while some may continue to challenge the global community for some time, you, as diplomats today you may find new and inventive solutions to these topics.

Finally, I hope you can walk away from this Conference with an increased appreciation for the very real challenges facing our leaders and our diplomats. I hope that you become an advocate for positive change, trying—in your own way—to build a brighter tomorrow for us all. Use this Conference to learn from those around you, to listen to the concerns and solutions brought to you from other nations. I hope that you approach every discussion with a mind open to compromise and new ideas. Challenge yourself to learn and grow, even as you challenge those around you to do the same. I have every confidence that this is a challenge you can rise to. Good luck and have fun!

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 Human Rights Watch or the UN Development Programme.

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.

STAYING IN YOUR LANE - UNDERSTANDING PURVIEW

*By Kate Koett
Under Secretary-General for 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.

SECURITY COUNCIL RENEWS INVESTIGATORY MANDATE ON CHLORINE GAS USE IN SYRIA

*By Lorenzo Von Schwartzburg
Security Council*

The Security Council has extended, for an additional year, the mandate of the United Nations-Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Joint Investigative Mechanism, the body tasked with identifying those behind chemical weapons attacks in the Syrian conflict.

Unanimously adopting Resolution 2319 (2016) earlier this week, the Council also recalled its decision that Syria "shall not use, develop, produce, otherwise acquire, stockpile or retain chemical weapons, or, transfer, directly or indirectly, chemical weapons to other States or non-State actors."

Further in the resolution, the Security Council encouraged the Mechanism to engage with relevant regional States in pursuit of its mandate, including to identify any involvement of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) the Al-Nusra Front or other non-State actors in the use of chemicals as weapons in Syria.

Set up in August of 2015, the Mechanism was mandated to identify, to the greatest extent feasible, those involved in the use of toxic chemicals as weapons in Syria.

Western powers want the Security Council to impose sanctions on the Syrian government for using chemical weapons. But Russia, Syria's closest ally, has repeatedly questioned investigators' conclusions linking chemical weapons use to the regime of President Bashar Assad.

Syria has repeatedly denied its forces used chemical weapons, despite investigators for the most recent OPCW report having determined that the Syrian government was behind at least three attacks involving chlorine gas. Damascus rejected these claims, with the Syrian Foreign Ministry stating that they "regret the decision made by executive council of OPCW concerning Syria at a vote that was beyond the scope of the organization's responsibilities and that demonstrated the schism tendency among the member states." The Syrian government has not made a public statement regarding the renewal of the OPCW Joint Investigative Mechanism mandate.

COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Afghanistan - East Texas Baptist University
Andorra - Lewis University
Angola - Baylor University
Argentina - Truman State University
Azerbaijan - Dominican University
Bangladesh - Nebraska Wesleyan University
Belarus - Luther College
Belgium - Central Michigan University
Bolivia - Kansas State University
Bosnia-Herzegovina - Western Kentucky University
Brazil - Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
Bulgaria - Winona State University
Burkina Faso - Gustavus Adolphus College
Cambodia - Loyola University
China - Saginaw Valley State University
Colombia - Bethel University
Congo - Carthage College
Costa Rica - Phoenix College
Croatia - University of Colorado
Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Carthage College
Democratic Republic of the Congo - University of Central Missouri
Denmark - St. Ambrose University
Djibouti - Indiana University-Bloomington
Dominican Republic - University of Arizona
Estonia - Belmont University
Ethiopia - University of St. Thomas
France - University of Illinois at Chicago
Greece - Missouri Southern State University
Holy See (Observer) - Indiana University-Bloomington
Hungary - Purdue University Northwest
India - Elmhurst College
Indonesia - Northern Illinois University
Iran, Islamic Republic of - Valparaiso University
Iraq - Truman State University
Israel - Park University
Italy - Northern Kentucky University
Jamaica - St. Lawrence University
Jordan - Grand Rapids Community College
Kazakhstan - University of Arizona
Kenya - Creighton University
Lebanon - Loyola University
Liberia - Dominican University
Lithuania - Ivy Tech Community College - Central Indiana
Malaysia - Saint Xavier University
Malta - Luther College
Mauritius - University of Colorado
Mexico - Westminster College
Mongolia - Kansas State University
Montenegro - University of Arizona
Morocco - Indiana University-Bloomington
Namibia - University of Arizona
Netherlands - Coe College
Nicaragua - Eastern Michigan University
Nigeria - Johnson County Community College
Oman - Victor Valley College
Palestine (Observer) - Indiana University-Bloomington
Panama - University of Missouri-Columbia
Paraguay - Georgetown College
Portugal - Southeast Missouri State University
Qatar - Indiana University-Bloomington
Republic of Moldova - Westminster College (PA)
Romania - University of South Dakota
Rwanda - University of Central Missouri

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, is able to focus on the experience, we have some simple suggestions for your own safety and that of everyone in your group 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.

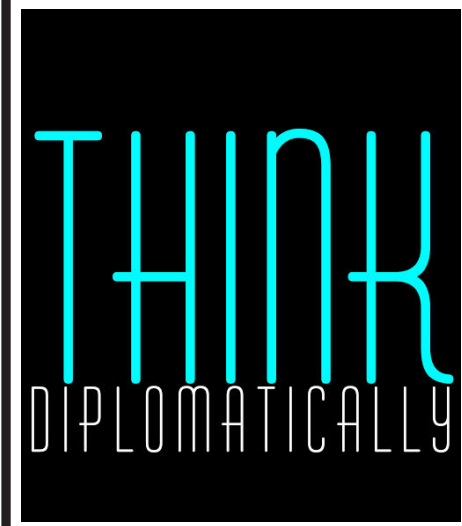
In the past we have seen many Representatives get sick as a result of dehydration. Increase your water intake and reduce your consumption of other beverages to stay healthy.

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 2016 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

Take home one of our world famous t-shirts to remind others to “Think Diplomatically!”

Quantities are limited, so head to Conference Services soon to get yours.

Men and women's styles are available for purchase.

WHAT ARE RAPPOORTEURS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

By Nick Randolph
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 room, listening to all of your caucusing?

Well, distinguished representatives, they are your Rapporteurs! If you are an AMUN veteran, you may remember this as the place where you take all of your resolutions and amendments for approval and processing. 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 they are editing) to ensure 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 will 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 lapel 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 Megan Grace Wiley
Vice President of the General Assembly

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!

COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION, CONTINUED

Saudi Arabia - Saint Louis University
Senegal - College of Wooster
Serbia - University of Arizona
Somalia - Western Kentucky University
South Sudan - University of the South
Spain - St. Olaf College
Sri Lanka - St. Olaf College
Switzerland - Hendrix College
Syrian Arab Republic - Eastern Michigan University
Uganda - Johnson County Community College
Ukraine - College of DuPage
United Republic of Tanzania - Alverno College
United States of America - Loyola University
Uruguay - Drake University
Uzbekistan - Carthage College
Venezuela - McKendree University
Yemen - Westminster College (PA)