



### 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 Riverwalk 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.

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## SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AMUN CONFERENCE

By *Nia Indelicato*  
*Secretary-General*

Welcome, one and all, to AMUN XXIX. You have all worked hard to get here. Your clothes have been ironed. Your position papers have been drafted. You are packed to the brim with knowledge about the United Nations and its Member States. You have spent long hours researching your specific simulations. Your incredible work has brought you to this moment. Yet, outside the Conference the world moves on. We will take a moment and step away from the current events of the global community, 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 real world governments with national agendas, it will be your knowledge, preparation and creativity that will shape

your responses. But we can't ignore the state of the world at this moment—it has shaped the impending deliberations of your simulations. This week, 720,000 Rohingya refugees are being forced to repatriate back to Myanmar, despite objections by the United Nations and many others around the world. Renewed fighting and political tensions between Israelis and Palestinians brought us to the brink of war in Gaza. And tragedy looms in Yemen, as millions are impacted by war and the threat of famine.

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 be able to find immediate solutions. You will have to compromise, chang-

ing your approaches and solutions to find commonalities that bring Member States together. These experiences will be educational.

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 of a Member State of the United Nations, you will get to decide if we are 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 now, or if this is something we pass along to the next generation. You will get to debate the best ways to ensure the safety of UN personnel, advocate for the health of migrants, discuss the impact of globalization on human rights, and determine the best way to dispose of chemical waste. 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 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!

## STAYING IN YOUR LANE: UNDERSTANDING PURVIEW

By *Brianne Reeves*  
*Under Secretary-General for Research*

One of AMUN's education goals is to ensure that our simulations resemble the actual United Nations as much as possible, including by providing a realistic simulation of each committee's purview and limitations.

Purview is the scope of each committee's work. Each committee has specific tasks and goals to avoid duplication of work and to make sure that every problem gets examined from multiple angles. A committee's purview is generally set out in its founding document. For instance, the purview of the General Assembly and its committees is outlined in the Charter. For complex issues, multiple committees may each work on a facet of that problem.

For example, addressing the global refugee crisis is the responsibility of multiple committees. GA First (disarmament and international security) can tackle the security aspect involved with massive population influxes and GA Third (social, cultural and humanitarian) can address the protection of migrant rights and the ways services are provided to those in crisis. At AMUN, we help our representatives also stay in these metaphorical lanes by reviewing your draft resolutions for purview.

The purview of each committee is outlined at the top of the committee in the Issues at AMUN handbook and in the AMUN Guidebook. Additionally, the AMUN Staff has specialized training and can help you resolve any disagreements or concerns. The Rapporteurs in your committee room and the Home Government staff are ready to assist you.

## 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 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 Lab (Level 2, Arkansas Room)** is your home for document writing and submission. You can use computers to draft your resolutions, reports and other documents, and, once you are done, submit them to your the dias staff in your committee room.

## MULTIPLE SITUATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST REMAIN DANGEROUS

By *Lorenzo Von Schwartzburg*  
*Security Council*

### AFGHANISTAN

Sectarian violence continues in Afghanistan as fighting in Kabul's Jagori district killed 25 on 10 November, and a suicide bomber near Kabul's Pashtunistan Square killed 6 and injured 20 on 12 November. The Taliban continues to attack sections of Kabul and to clash with government security forces and militia. The Afghan government is struggling to control the districts under siege, and casualties among security forces have reached record levels.

### YEMEN

Millions continue to be displaced in Yemen. The country is overrun with violence, disease and famine. Saudi-Emirati backed forces continue to intensify their efforts against the Houthi rebels

for control of Hodeidah, a strategic port city where the majority of foreign aid enters the war-ravaged nation. Civilian casualties are extremely high. Fighting in Hodeidah has caused many medical staff to flee the city's al-Thawra hospital, as the Houthis are reinforcing their positions nearby. The United Kingdom's foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt visited Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in mid-November to call for an end to the war in Yemen, though the Saudi Arabian regime has not indicated any changes to their ongoing efforts. United Nations humanitarian chief Mark Lowcock has warned the Security Council previously that without an end to the violence and significant aid provided, "there is a clear and present danger of an imminent and great big famine engulfing Yemen."

### IRAN

In May 2018, The United States withdrew unilaterally from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with the Islamic Republic of Iran and other international signatories, despite the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) assurances that the Islamic Republic of Iran is abiding with the 2015 deal. In early November, United States President Donald Trump reimposed oil and financial sanctions against the Iranian regime, citing alleged missile and nuclear programs. This action was taken despite opposition from Germany, France, Russia and China as well as assurances from the IAEA that Iran was not undertaking such programs. The Iranian regime has stated it will continue to comply with the 2015 agreement and work with the other signatories, despite the United States abandonment of the

deal and imposition of sanctions.

### JAMAL KHASHOGGI

A recording has surfaced of journalist Jamal Khashoggi's death; according to the unpublished recording, which Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan shared with Saudi Arabia, the United States, Germany, France and the United Kingdom, he was suffocated by use of a plastic bag. Saudi Arabia has admitted that Khashoggi was killed by Saudi intelligence agents. Saudi Arabia has arrested 18 people and dismissed five senior government officials as a part of their ongoing investigation into the matter. The United Kingdom's foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt is set to meet with both King Salman and Prince Mohammed to request that the regime cooperate more fully with the Turkish investigation in Khashoggi's death.

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## COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Algeria - Kansas State University  
Belarus - Westminster College (PA)  
Belgium - Ohio Northern University  
Bhutan - Truman State University  
Bolivia - College of Wooster  
Canada - Millikin University  
China - Purdue University Northwest  
Côte d'Ivoire - McKendree University  
Cuba - Northern Kentucky University  
Czech Republic - University of Notre Dame  
Democratic Republic of the Congo - University of the South  
Denmark - Alverno College  
Dominican Republic - Georgetown College  
Ecuador - Northern Michigan University  
Egypt - St. Ambrose University  
Equatorial Guinea - East Texas Baptist University  
Estonia - Central Michigan University  
Eswatini - Grand Rapids Community College  
Ethiopia - Truman State University  
France - University of South Dakota  
Ghana - Saginaw Valley State University  
Guatemala - Phoenix College  
Haiti - Hope College  
Honduras - Carthage College  
India - Northern Illinois University  
Iran, Islamic Republic of - University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse  
Iraq - Loyola University  
Israel - Carthage College  
Italy - Hendrix College  
Kazakhstan - Saginaw Valley State University  
Kenya - Johnson County Community College  
Lao People's Democratic Republic - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Latvia - Central Michigan University  
Malaysia - University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
Malta - National Chengchi University  
Morocco - Elmhurst College  
Myanmar - Loyola University  
New Zealand - Belmont University  
Nigeria - Johnson County Community College  
Norway - Missouri Southern State University  
Pakistan - University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
Palestine (Observer) - Carthage College  
Panama - Gustavus Adolphus College  
Peru - Kansas State University  
Philippines - Creighton University  
Portugal - Northern Michigan University  
Republic of Korea - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Romania - Eastern Michigan University  
Russian Federation - Loyola University  
Rwanda - Westminster College  
Serbia - North Dakota State University  
Slovenia - Bethel University  
South Africa - Baylor University  
Spain - University of St. Thomas  
Sudan - St. Olaf College  
Syrian Arab Republic - Eastern Michigan University  
Thailand - Coe College  
Turkey - Illinois Wesleyan University  
Ukraine - Lewis University  
Uruguay - WSC Italia-Global Leaders  
Venezuela - Bethel University

## SAFETY AT AMUN AND IN CHICAGO

By *Shannon L. Dunn*  
*AMUN Executive Director*

AMUN strives 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 conference, we have some simple suggestions for your safety and that of everyone at AMUN.

As a starting point, I encourage you to review the Safety at AMUN information available at the FAQ tab on Guidebook and in our online Rules and Procedures handbook. These suggestions should be the starting point for conversations about safety.

### 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 effect. 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 2018 conference a safe and fun experience for all. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

## VISIT AMUN'S CONFERENCE SERVICES DESK

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED DIRECTIONS? WANT TO PURCHASE A MEMORABLE SOUVENIR TO REMEMBER YOUR AMUN EXPERIENCE?

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## WHAT ARE RAPORTEURS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

By *Robert Matevich*  
*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 why is there also a second table, lower than the first, with more staffers with blue badges? And why are they wandering around the room, listening to all of your caucusing and seemingly butting in on conversations? 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, and as the people who helpfully answer your questions during caucus-

ing, as well as pointing you in the right direction whenever they can. Indeed, that is a major function of this department. Rapporteurs examine every draft report, resolution and amendment to ensure that it is within purview of the body to which they are assigned; in proper AMUN format; and is clear, cohesive and free of any grammatical errors. 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 and listening in on

informal debate because so much work gets done outside of formal session. Specifically, Rapporteurs may clarify a procedural issue in regards to the documents produced by the body, suggest an alternative 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, and for everything else they may introduce you to the Chair. Essentially, if you find yourself having any conversations that begin with "I wonder if..." or "maybe we could..." seek a Rapporteur. They will help you stay on the right track, clarify uncertainties, and if they can not answer your question, they will be more than happy to point you in the direction of someone who can.

## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT? WHY, YES, THERE IS!

By *Jacob P. Torres*  
*Director of Publications*

AMUN's Guidebook app is back in 2018! Use the app to connect to conference information and talk to staff and other AMUN participants. AMUN participants can use their mobile devices, tablets, smartphones or laptops to access the AMUN Rules of Procedure, Topic Briefs, FAQs, and other information in one

place. The app also offers social features for interacting with fellow representatives and staff. All users will be able to see the public information provided by AMUN, and users will also have the choice of checking into the Guidebook app, which will enable access to features such as messaging and posting on an internal social-media feed. Go to your favorite app

store to download the Guidebook app. Once you have the app installed search for American Model United Nations 2018 in the app's event search feature and download the Conference app to your mobile devices. If you don't have a smartphone or tablet, you can also access a web version of the app at <https://guidebook.com/g/amun2018/>.

## "EIGHT SUITS ARE BARELY ENOUGH TO BE DAPPER," SAYS STYLISH AMUN SECRETARIAT

Page 2 of AMUN's *Rules & Procedures handbook outlines the dress code.*

By *Joshua Marko*  
*Under-Secretary-General of Reporting Procedures*

Now that I'm a 32 year old established professional I own 8 suits, 5 blazers and a tux. There's the two "anytime" suits (charcoal gray and navy), the black funeral suit, the linen suit for patio receptions or yacht parties, a pin-stripe designer suit for galas, and several other suits that may be too snug or too tight depending on time of year. Excessive? Probably. But it's nice to be known as the dapper guy in the office, and it means that no one questions it when I wear jeans on a Wednesday because I ate too much cheese on Tuesday.

I purchased my first suit for the 2005 AMUN conference. At the time I didn't know how to tie a tie and barely knew how to dress myself properly. But I got a suit for AMUN because I noticed as a representative the year prior that there are high standards for professionalism and dress (Western Business Attire, or WBA, to be exact). Representatives learn a lot at Conference, and that includes how to speak and dress as professionally as a diplomat. It's one of the many ways that AMUN representatives have a head start on the professional environments they may find themselves in post-graduation.

Page two of the Rules and Procedure Handbook provides more information on dress at AMUN. WBA includes a jacket or suit, dress slacks or skirt, dress shirt (with a tie for men) and dress shoes. Forgot to back some of the WBA essentials? Talk to member of your delegation about clothing items they may be able to share or connect with an AMUN Secretariat member for dress solutions such as the infamous "tie box."

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