



## 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.

## CONFERENCE WI-FI IS HERE!

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## SG WELCOMES ALL TO THE 30<sup>TH</sup> AMUN CONFERENCE

By *Brianne Reeves*  
Secretary-General

Welcome, there is not another day in the year like the first day of AMUN's Conference. When you walked into the Sheraton this afternoon, you walked into a world that is truly unique in purpose, structure and experience. I am honored to be among the first to tell you that you have found a place to embrace your intellectual energy and creative thinking.

The state of the world is not always kind and some days chaos looms on the horizon. The international community struggles every day to find compromise and peace. Instead, there are persistent, seemingly incurable issues. Today, hundreds of people will die from extrajudicial violence. Journalists are thrown in prison for their reports. Technological barriers prevent access to

medical technology and stand in the way of world progress.

But, these dark moments belie opportunities. We can work to find answers that value the lived experiences of others, that challenge mistreatment and refuse to accept the degradation of human dignity. The world can be a better place. Your job over the next four days is to help make it one.

The challenge is difficult, but I know you can succeed.

As the Secretary-General, it has been a while since I stood on your side of the dais, and since that time, I have gained a very different perspective of the Model United Nations experience. I am excited to share that as context for your week.

The next few days are a distinct challenge that many people do not recognize. Today, you became diplomats and the burden is

high. We challenge you to think about the pressing problems in the world. While there is excitement and rigor in this task, there will also be frustration.

This week, I encourage you to really think about the experiences of others and especially those whom you represent. The cultural and political context of an American college student is different from that of a Mongolian farmer and yet again from a Hong Kong tech developer. That understanding should inform the actions you take and the plans you form.

One of the greatest obstacles you will face is to separate yourself from an issue. Our convictions run deep, and your beliefs should motivate you. In this space, your beliefs are not at issue. Instead, you must look beyond yourself to act in the place of another, with their best

interests, wants and needs in mind.

Ask yourself: how will my statements and actions reflect the very real people I should be considering? Are their best interests being served? What would they ask of me and how can I best represent their will?

If you can live up to these demands, as much as they ask of you, you will be a better thinker, a more informed global citizen and a better human being for it. Approach your deliberations with an open mind and critical eye. Find what is problematic in solutions, and challenge those issues. Most importantly, refuse to make "perfect" the enemy of "good."

Every session is a moment to improve the unsatisfactory. You can accomplish much over the next few days and I am ecstatic to watch you work.

## BUILDING CONSENSUS (OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...)

By *Joshua Adams*  
Under Secretary-General

American Model United Nations seeks to provide a realistic simulation of the proceedings of the United Nations in New York. Over the course of the four-day conference, representatives discuss appropriate responses to different topics on the world agenda, prepare resolutions and usually vote on their passage. This is a close model to the process of the United Nations, but that last step—voting on the passage of a resolution—does not occur all that often. Instead, the vast majority of resolutions are adopted by consensus, that is, without a vote. In the 71st session of the General Assembly, 330 resolutions were adopted; 247, or 75 percent, were adopted by consensus, only 83 of them were voted upon. Further, two-thirds of these contested resolutions had fewer than ten Member States voting against passage. At the United Nations, an emphasis is put on showing a united international front towards the issues facing the world. After all, due to the non-binding nature of United Nations resolutions and reports (except in the Security Council), success depends on international cooperation across the board.

It is a common problem for Model United Nations simulations to rely too much on majority votes; the official United Nations outreach page for MUN notes that "this way of operating is stuck in the past and does not reflect how the UN has changed." Often, it appears that representatives' goals are to merely pass a favorable resolution that addresses the topic. Instead, representatives should set their sights higher, and aim for passing their resolutions by consensus.

For example, often in the United Nations, Division of the Question is used to highlight a particular clause or set of clauses of a resolution to adopt by consensus and elevate them above the resolution as a whole. In Model UN, it is commonly used to remove contested clauses from a draft resolution. This week I encourage you to embody the spirit of Division of the Question and divide a clause that represents the best of your deliberations and solutions.

## 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, submit a letter to the editor deliver a press release or submit an acknowledgement. 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 AROUND THE WORLD REMAIN DANGEROUS

By *Evaan Pierce*  
Security Council

### SYRIA

Shelling in the Qah IDP (Internally Displaced People/Persons) camp, located near the Turkish border in Idlib, on 21 November killed an estimated 22 civilians. 10 of these civilians were children, according to Ahmed Tarji, a spokesman for Syrian Civil Defense, also known as the "White Helmets." Other nearby IDP camps were also destroyed, according to Fran Equiza, the UNICEF Syria Representative. The United Nations Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis, Mark Cutts, called for an investigation into the targeting of IDP camps, stating: "I find it sickening that missiles hit vulnerable civilians, including elderly people, women and children sheltering in tents and makeshift shelters in a camp for internally displaced people." The missile strikes have also drawn fierce condemnation from the Office for

the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for the "dozens of attacks against medical facilities and staff across Syria" this year. As of September, the United Nations has verified 1,792 "grave violations" against children's rights alone in 2019. OCHA made the statement, "International humanitarian law requires all parties to strictly distinguish between civilians and combatants and to take constant care to spare civilians in the conduct of military operations." Despite these wide condemnations of the violations of civilian rights in Syria, the violence continues to escalate and civilians, particularly vulnerable groups of IDPs, are being especially targeted.

### PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

The Security Council held a day-long open debate on 19 November regarding peace and the reconciliation process, the first open debate on the matter in 15 years. More than 60

speakers shared their experiences with the reconciliation process, emphasizing that reconciliation is neither swift nor simple but highly effective if properly executed.

Secretary-General António Guterres stated: "While the international community acknowledges the vital importance of reconciliation, its idea of the concept must now evolve to keep pace with the changing nature of conflict. Such efforts can no longer be confined to those directly engaged in waging war; today's conflicts are complex and draw in a range of countries and powers... Today's reconciliation processes must respond to these challenges by being broader, deeper and more inclusive than ever before."

### MALI AND BURKINA FASO

Extremist attacks continue "almost every day" in the G5 Sahel region, with the hardest hit being Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. On 18 November, more than 20 soldiers in eastern Mali were attacked during a Mali-Niger

joint operation aimed at tracking extremists. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has claimed responsibility for the attack. The terror attacks in the Sahel region, primarily perpetrated by ISIL and Al-Qaida, have left nearly one million individuals displaced, and food insecurity and malnutrition have reached emergency levels. The World Food Programme (WFP) has estimated that, unless hunger in the Sahel region is addressed emergently, an "entire generation" could be at risk, particularly in Burkina Faso. The Executive Director of the WFP stated: "A dramatic human crisis is unfolding in Burkina Faso that has disrupted the lives of millions. Close to half a million people have been forced from their homes and a third of the country is now a conflict zone." Among those displaced in Burkina Faso, severe malnutrition is affecting 7.8 percent, which is more than three times the emergency threshold of two percent.



## COUNTRIES TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR POSITION PAPER COMPLETION

Afghanistan - Central Michigan University  
Argentina - Johnson County Community College  
Austria - Hendrix College  
Bahrain - Calvin University  
Belarus - University of Arizona  
Bolivia - Truman State University  
Burkina Faso - Ohio Northern University  
Cameroon - University of Central Oklahoma  
Chile - Saint Louis University  
China - Western Kentucky University  
Colombia - Lewis University  
Croatia - University of South Dakota  
Czech Republic - University of Illinois  
Democratic Republic of the Congo - Hope College  
Ecuador - Elmhurst College  
Equatorial Guinea - Kansas State University  
France - Carthage College  
Germany - Bethel University  
Holy See (Observer) - East Texas Baptist University  
Iceland - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at Washington County  
Iran, Islamic Republic of - Eastern Michigan University  
Israel - Calvin University  
Kazakhstan - St. Ambrose University  
Kenya - College of Wooster  
Libya - Eastern Michigan University  
Luxembourg - Gustavus Adolphus College  
Madagascar - Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Malaysia - University of Arizona  
Mongolia - Gustavus Adolphus College  
Morocco - University of Northern Iowa  
Myanmar - Northern Illinois University  
Nepal - Northern Michigan University  
New Zealand - Marietta College  
Nigeria - Truman State University  
Norway - University of St. Thomas  
Oman - Valparaiso University  
Palestine (Observer) - University of Dayton  
Peru - Johnson County Community College  
Philippines - St. Ambrose University  
Poland - University of Central Missouri  
Portugal - Grand Rapids Community College  
Qatar - University of Dayton  
Republic of Korea - Missouri Southern State University  
Russian Federation - University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse  
Singapore - Aquinas College  
South Africa - Northern Kentucky University  
Spain - Westminster College  
Sudan - Carthage College  
Sweden - University of Missouri-Columbia  
Syrian Arab Republic - Valparaiso University  
Ukraine - Belmont University  
United Arab Emirates - Central Michigan University  
United Kingdom - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Uruguay - Alverno College  
Viet Nam - Phoenix College

## 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 our Conference app and in our online Rules and Procedures handbook. These suggestions should be the starting point for conversations about safety.

### 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.

### STAY HYDRATED

Large conference hotels are notoriously arid. You may feel as if you have trekked across the 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.

### 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 2019 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?

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.

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## WHAT ARE RAPPOORTEURS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

By Robert Matevich  
Under-Secretary-General for Rapporteurs

When you walk into any of the General Assembly Committees or Economic and Social Council Commissions, you will immediately see Chairs and Vice Chairs, or Presidents and Vice Presidents, sitting in front of the room. But you will also see there is a second table with more staffers also wearing blue badges. 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 dais as the place where you take all of your resolutions and amendments for approval and processing, and as the people who will answer your questions during caucusing, as

well as pointing you in the right direction whenever they can.

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 regarding the documents produced by the body, suggest an alternative perspective to ensure your documents are in purview, 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 out 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 Patrick Martin  
Under-Secretary-General for Research

As AMUN continues to integrate technology into the conference, we've got some new software on tap! If you want to review topic briefs, rules, or the conference schedule, simply use the Yapp app! Gone are the days of Guidebook, so you can throw that in the scrap. As the AMUN handbook is entirely digital, you can find all of its information on Yapp, in case

you need a quick recap.

Downloading the app is a snap:  
1. Go to your favorite purveyor of mobile software—iTunes, Google Play, etc—and search for Yapp, or scan the QR code to the right.  
2. Give that download button a tap  
3. Add our conference using the ID "AMUN2019", or by going to my.yapp.us/AMUN2019 as a stopgap.

4. You're all set, that's a wrap!

Take a lap around the app to make sure you know where to find any information you need and so you can help our representatives navigate the app; we don't want them to have to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. The app purely supplies information, there's no communication, so you don't need to make an account (thank goodness for that)! Happy Yapping, friends!

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER TO SHARE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH UN REFUGEE AGENCY

Ms. Anne-Marie Grey will present our keynote at 11 a.m. on Sunday



Photo by USA for UNHCR

By Lauren Soulek  
Editor, International Press Delegation

There's never been a more critical time for the international community to come together to address not only the protection needs of refugees worldwide, but also the underlying poverty and development gaps that lead to forced migration. These are issues this year's keynote speaker, Ms. Anne-Marie Grey, is committed to engaging and improving Sunday morning. Grey will speak about her experience leading USA for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, as well as the future of multilateral cooperation on humanitarian issues.

Grey is the Executive Director and CEO of USA for UNHCR and the chair of the Advisory Panel of the International Fundraising Congress. She was appointed to that role in September 2014 to lead the organization and enhance its programs and resources. Grey has gained experience in marketing and fundraising for more than 30 years. She focuses on exploring the changing nature of the social impact sector and how to build connections and creative collaborations to improve fundraising and philanthropic initiatives at organizations around the world.

Grey is committed to mobilizing efforts in support of the more than 70 million people who are forcibly displaced. More than half of those 70 million people are children. Before joining USA for UNHCR, Grey worked with UNICEF, Save the Children, UNHCR and Share our Strength.

Grey also spent time working in Australia, leading marketing and development programs for the National Museum of Australia, and held several roles at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra.

Grey will be speaking from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday in the Chicago Ballrooms VI-VII on level 4.

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