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## COMMITTEE & COUNCIL UPDATES

### CONCURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

Combating terrorism through regional task forces seems to be a common theme in General Assembly Plenary.

### GA FIRST COMMITTEE

Representatives from the state of Côte d'Ivoire drafted a resolution on the subject of combating the illicit trade of small arms and other light weapons.

### GA SECOND COMMITTEE

GA Second Committee debated on the challenges of electricity infrastructure needs in developing countries in order to best utilize new clean energy technologies.

### GA THIRD COMMITTEE

GA Third Committee has presented a resolution that will establish a big brother program amongst larger and smaller countries that also establishes a safety net that will not let smaller countries be taken advantage of.

### WORLD CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

Member States such as Colombia, Austria and Iran agreed with New Zealand and Sri Lanka that mental health should be a main focus as their committee moves forward with topic choice.

### ECOSOC

Council members were intense in their current discussions about the poverty eradication rate globally. Current projections show that the world is not on track to meet the Sustainable Development Goal #1 by halving the number of people in extreme poverty by 2030.

### INTERNATIONAL

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

Member States struggle to gain widespread cooperation in promoting cybersecurity.

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## ANNE-MARIE GREY DELIVERS POWERFUL KEYNOTE ON REFUGEES



*Members of the International Press Delegation with Anne-Marie Grey of USA for UNHCR. Photo by Autumn Bockman 24 November 2019, American Model United Nations*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER BRINGS REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE TO AMUN

**Kelby Reichard**

*International Press Delegation*

Executive Director and CEO of USA for UNHCR Ms. Anne-Marie Grey spoke to Representatives at the AMUN 2019 Conference on 24 November 2019. Ms. Grey shared her experiences in both humanitarian work as well as her involvement with Model United Nations.

According to its website, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) works to "ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge." Ms. Grey highlighted the need for continued work in solving the world's refugee crisis. "There are 70,800,000 refugees worldwide...everywhere from Syria to South Sudan, and Yemen to Central America." Ms. Grey has played a crucial role in serving with UNHCR and was able to elaborate on the growth of this essential organization, stating, "We

started in 1950 with a budget of \$300,000. That number has grown to 8.6 billion USD in 2018."

Ms. Grey emphasized the ever-growing importance of social media in tackling the growing refugee crisis, stating, "Through social media and 24 hour news, those who wish to enact change can stay more involved." Ms. Grey proceeded by sharing the story of a refugee named Mustafa who was able to resolve hostilities with a man named Mike. Through social media, Mike was able to understand that he had more in common with Mustafa than he previously realized.

Moving forward, UNHCR is relying on the work of future leaders to continue the progress made in previous years. This month, UNHCR released both its 2020 plans as well as a new competition available to Model United Nations students in 2020. Ms. Grey stated, "Young leaders must provide an ac-

tive role. You need to engage, write your Congressman, volunteer and most importantly vote." She ended her talk with a call to action to the Representatives sitting before her.

Following her speech, Ms. Grey was kind enough to answer questions from the audience and participate in an International Press Delegation press conference. During the press conference, she was able to go into more depth on the refugee issue and the ways in which the UNHCR works to combat this issue. Ms. Grey ended her press conference by highlighting the need to re-evaluate certain societal ideologies. "We have an administration that says America First," she said. Ms. Grey previously added, "What we often forget is that refugees are actually legal citizens who pay taxes and contribute to the economy in many ways."

## WYC DISAGREES ON IMMEDIACY OF MENTAL HEALTH

**Laura Meloy**

*World Conference on Youth*

During the second session of the World Conference on Youth (WYC), the United States of America (USA) gave a speech highlighting how the resolutions in the works were "off topic" and "general." "We feel like the resolutions on the floor are dealing with issues not specifically relevant to youth. People are worried about diseases that develop later in life, and we should worry about things earlier," said Representative Christian Keegan of the USA.

Representative Garrett Garlock of USA elaborated on its frustra-

tions with other Member States and discussed their plans for solving the problem. "While we understand that working on issues like mental health or obesity is important, we see it as if people are dying of AIDS and Malaria, then we won't be able to address their mental health issues. We signed onto a paper with Bolivia that specifically implements a program relating to education on HIV and AIDS in rural and urban areas," Representative Garlock said.

Member States such as New Zealand and Sri Lanka disagreed with the USA on the immediacy of mental health. "Countries' suicide rates

would show that mental health is actually killing our youth, and it's something we should be focusing on as a whole," Representative Natalie Johnson of New Zealand said.

Representative Taylor Carr of New Zealand said that the "USA probably has some of the highest suicide rates in the world" and was confused why mental health wouldn't be a priority for them.

Other Member States such as Colombia, Austria and Iran agreed with New Zealand and Sri Lanka that mental health should be a main focus.

## SECURITY COUNCIL FACING MORE PROBLEMS, STILL NO SOLUTIONS

**Oliwia Nazaruk**

*Security Council*

As the Security Council entered its second day of committee, it was faced with breaking news out of the Sahel region—militant attacks on a Mali-Niger patrol, which resulted in at least 14 fatalities. Currently also deliberating on issues arising in Venezuela, the Security Council faced problems deciding on which emerging issue to first discuss. Representative Reagan Tibbs of Belgium was in favor of moving debate to the Sahel noting that, "In the Sahel, we see many terrorist organizations acting on racial rather than political grounds," and further noted that the situation could develop into something similar to what happened with the Rohingya people in Myanmar, making it important to "not fall ten steps behind." Representative Faith Manchion of Peru instead supported continuing the discussion of the situation in Venezuela and Latin America, as Peru is directly affected by the situation. Representative Manchion said, "Peru is facing a lot of crisis with refugees, as are many other neighbouring countries. The refugees are not receiving enough aid." The body eventually decided to continue discussion on Venezuela, and discuss the situation in the Sahel second. Some delegations maintained that humanitarian aid should be provided to the region; others countered that previous aid packages provided to Venezuela were a waste of money. Some recommended removing sanctions and instilling election monitoring, and others countered they would be unable or unwilling to remove sanctions.

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## COMMITTEE UPDATES, CONTINUED

### ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has made progress in discussing the climate resilience of Africa’s infrastructure. The ECA separated into three subcommittees to delegate responsibilities.

### COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Belarus pushed forward a resolution that encourages Member States to take equal opportunity in educating teachers, government officials and any other leaders.

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

The Historical Commission of Inquiry is questioning many different witnesses, including Beirut UN Fact-finding Mission head Peter Fitzgerald and a Lebanese security representative.

### CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL

As the Security Council received news of crises facing the Sahel, they remain unable to come to consensus regarding the situation in Venezuela.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL 1961

The United Nations 1961 Historical Security Council is in its eighth day of discussion of the ongoing civil war in the Republic of Congo. Their current focus is on the status of the Congolese politician Patrice Lumumba.

### HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL 2003

The Historical Security Council of 2003 heard testimony from Dr. Hanz Blix yesterday. The Council will continue to discuss Iraq’s compliance with arms checks before moving onto other pressing issues.

### INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

ICJ heard oral arguments for Malaysia v. Singapore regarding the sovereignty of Pedra Branca/Pulau Puteh.

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## COMMISSION FACES PUSHBACK TRYING TO GET STATES TO COOPERATE WITH INVESTIGATION

*Gia Clarke*  
*Historical Commission on Inquiry*

The Historical Commission of Inquiry is facing difficulty in gaining information from the two biggest players in the assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri: Syria and Lebanon. When asked for comment, the Syrian government sent back a letter declining to come before the Commission. Furthermore, the Lebanese government, which claimed to be in full support and cooperation with the United Nations Commission, has not been as transparent as the Commission would like. Though many witnesses have already been questioned, there are

## ECA MAKES STRIDES TOWARDS BETTERMENT OF AFRICAN INFRASTRUCTURE

*Kelby Reichard*  
*Economic Commission on Africa*

The Commission opened discussion on the topic of enhancing the climate resilience of Africa’s infrastructure. Following opening speeches, the Commission began its first caucus by dividing into three subcommittees. These subcommittees were formed based on the interest and needs of Member States. The three subcommittees are agriculture and livestock, water and renewable energy and a

## ECOSOC MEMBERS TO TACKLE POVERTY AND EDUCATION

*Cam Ulloa*  
*ECOSOC*

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is working to take action against the lack of education around the world. The United Nations aims to abolish extreme poverty around the world. Representatives in ECOSOC engaged in conversations about teaching parents the importance of education, and proposing an increase of the annual ECOSOC bud-

## RESOLUTION ON ILLICIT TRADE OF SMALL ARMS DRAFTED

*Lucas Michel*  
*GA First Committee*

Representatives from Côte d’Ivoire drafted a resolution on the subject of combating the illicit trade of small arms and other light weapons.

Within their resolution they present five recommendations that they believe will target the sale of illicit small arms. The first recommendation is a promise by all Member States to support previous resolutions that have already been passed, along with further advancing the Arms Trade Treaty. The

still missing pieces that both governing bodies would rather not discuss with the United Nations.

Peter Fitzgerald, Deputy Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, the Irish Federal Police, was sent by the United Nations on a fact-finding mission to Beirut to analyze the Lebanese investigation of the assassination from 25 February 2005 until 25 March 2005. He confirmed that the investigation was conducted inappropriately. He revealed to the Commission the presence of Syrian intelligence officials at high levels of the Lebanese investigation. When asked how long these officials were present, he replied, “At this point, decades.”

Fitzgerald also stressed the lack

of transportation. Some of the representatives have spoken about the progress of the subcommittees. Representative Adrian Lampson from Eritrea discussed the focus of the agriculture subcommittee, “Currently, the agriculture group is working on drafting recommendations for ECOSOC [Economic and Social Council] that include incorporating new technology to the agriculture industries of African countries.” Representative Scout Molder from Equato-

rial Guinea stated that the water and energy subcommittee “has made really great progress and are close to reconvening. Our main issue is the lack of access to clean water in the region, and how climate change impacts this access.”

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of communication, whether intentional or not, between different levels of security forces who were investigating the assassination. Representative Zach Deaton of Norway said to his fellow commissioners, “It seems the investigation broke down on multiple levels.”

An unnamed Lebanese security representative questioned by the Commission on 25 June 2005 verified this lack of communication but blamed it on the ongoing revolution in Lebanon rather than Syrian interference. The Commission is doubtful about their continued support if a United Nations accusation could renew tensions between the two countries.

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ments are being met and including information about the current stockpile of outdated small arms. Finally, the resolution suggests an agreement that Member States will assist other Member States with their struggle to combat small arms.

This resolution provides a lofty set of goals that may be key in reducing the illicit trade of small arms. Supporters of this resolution in the GA First Committee believe that it will lay the groundwork for a less violent future.

## CONGO CRISIS HEATING UP IN 1961

*Kevin Lane*  
*Historical Security Council 1961*

As 15 January 1961 dawns, the United Nations Historical Security Council of 1961 is in its eighth day of discussion of the ongoing civil war in the Republic of Congo. The current focus of the Security Council is on the status of the Congolese politician Patrice Lumumba, who has been detained by Congolese Colonel Joseph Mobutu. On 13 January, the Red Cross announced Lumumba’s status as “satisfactory.” On 15 January, while the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Congo to the United Nations visited the Security Council, Colonel Mobutu accused the United Nations of sending covert aid to a rebellion in the nation via peacekeeper resupply missions. The Republic of Chile, a Member of the 1961 Security Council, introduced a resolution, “HSC-1961/1 On the Situation in the Congo,” which stated that “a broad conflict would result in outside intervention by other parties.” This resolution faced mixed support from the permanent Members, which has resulted in Chile amending the resolution, though this amendment is currently pending. Representative Joseph Leone of Chile stated the Permanent Representative of Congo’s visit was then “able to push that resolution forward,” as the resolution had previously stalled. Representative Khalil Khan of the United Kingdom stated that the Congolese representative visiting the Security Council and “supporting negotiations” was a “great step.” Representative Khan also affirmed the United Kingdom’s belief that Colonel Mobutu and the Congolese government are cooperative, and that the Congo crisis as a whole will soon be discussed in addition to the situation with Prime Minister Lumumba.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

The AMUN Conference Leadership would like to remind all participants that the Sheraton Hotel has a strict no-tolerance policy for underage drinking on hotel property. AMUN leadership recommends obeying and following all laws, regulations and rules regarding alcohol usage while at AMUN.



# ITU CALLS FOR COOPERATION TO PROMOTE CYBERSECURITY

Christopher Riehl  
International  
Telecommunications Union

On Sunday morning, the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) suspended the meeting to discuss how Member States can promote cybersecurity. Previous efforts to promote cybersecurity have struggled to gain widespread cooperation amongst the Member States and voting blocs.

ITU is addressing how to strengthen the culture surrounding the topic of cybersecurity while respecting national policies on defense and security. During the suspension of the meeting, countries have begun to draft and advocate for Member States' resolutions while breaking up into various regional blocs. Major blocs include both the European and African blocs. A potential merger amongst the regional voting blocs has been proposed in moderated caucus.

Through numerous conversations, it has been clear that the majority of Members in the ITU are calling for cooperation amongst the entire ITU special committee. Representative Cole Cartee of Kazakhstan spoke upon this concern during a consultative session of the ITU by saying, "The biggest concern addressing the issue of cybersecurity is the concern over the rights of national sovereignty and the diverse approaches to diplomatic policy." Similar statements will continue to be discussed in formal session as the ITU continues to address cybersecurity.

Resolutions regarding cybersecurity are still under discussion with a primary focus on how increasing cybersecurity may help reduce transnational crime. All regional voting blocs recognize the important role cybersecurity plays in reducing transnational crime.

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# HSC 2003 FOCUSING ON DISARMAMENT OF IRAQ

Kelby Reichard Historical  
Security Council 2003

The Historical Security Council of 2003 built on progress made in the first session by continuing the discussion on disarmament in Iraq. The first speaker introduced to the Council was Dr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC). Dr. Blix called upon the Council to continue pressuring Iraq for increased compliance. Dr. Blix was unable to rule out the pos-

sibility of Iraq still harboring weapons of mass destruction. Representatives Ben Melke and Aaron Hinz from the Russian Federation delivered their country's stance following Dr. Blix's report. "At this time we do not support any intrusion of Iraq's sovereignty without proof of weapons of mass destruction," Representative Hinz stated. Representative Melke added, "We need to take more time to investigate and it is positive that we are focusing on increasing the timeline for investigation." Not every Member

State on the Council agrees upon the direction of the agenda however. Representative Robert Scheidt from Chile explained that "Chile recognizes the important work to be done in light of the reports that this Council has received. But moving forward, the health of the people in the Democratic Republic of Congo needs to be secured." The Council is expected to call upon both United States Secretary of State Colin Powell as well as the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, Tariq Aziz to provide testimonies.

# HEAD TO THE 2019 GRADUATE SCHOOL AND CAREER EXPO!

Michael Kenny  
Director of Development

If you haven't already included the Graduate School and Career Expo into your conference agenda, then make sure to do so! Many of you may be thinking,

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wide range of academic specialties, including law, international relations, diplomacy and policy. Who knows, a conversation that happens on Monday may be the start of your next stage in life!



Participants in the 2018 Graduate School and Career Expo, 19 November 2018. Photo by Autumn Bockman. American Model United Nations

# DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO RECIEVE CLEAN ENERGY TECH

Yueh-Ning Chiang  
GA Second Committee

As the General Assembly Second Committee continued to debate ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, a division of opinion is emerging between developed countries and developing countries due to different perceptions about sharing technology of clean energy. Also, several Member States hold contrasting viewpoints towards nuclear power, debating about whether it is clean energy or not. Thus several blocs formed.

Despite divergent attitudes, there are still collaborations between developed and developing countries. The bloc composed of

United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Liberia and many other African countries is an integration of petro-states and countries with a lack of clean energy. When asked their main purpose, Representative Chelsey Shafer of United Arab Emirates said they are helping developing countries who cannot afford sustainable energy practices and "are trying to get the big five or bigger nations to fund this project." Given that the United Kingdom and Japan have already formed another coalition, Representative Shafer stated that, "in worst case scenario, we might end up merging the two resolutions together."

The biggest bloc in the committee, a coalition of United King-

dom, Japan, Poland, Slovakia and many others, they have concrete solutions such as building electricity grids, providing infrastructures, providing technologies of building infrastructures and education on clean energy. Moreover, they plan a "phase out program" for developing countries to eradicate non-clean energy. "We are looking to see each nation phase out non-clean energy and switch completely over to renewable energy," Representative Zarifah Shahid of United Kingdom said. Kenya and Oman, two Member States on this bloc, strive to establish electrical grids, and that is why they need support and technologies from developed countries.

# GA THIRD MOVES TOWARDS SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS

Laura Meloy  
GA Third Committee

Refugees, human rights, child exploitation and female migrant workers were all topics of debate in the General Assembly Third Committee. Representative Joe Shepard of Sri Lanka gave a speech addressing concern for female migrant workers. He is looking to develop on campus-style housing for these workers. "Women should have housing to go to or somewhere to leave their children throughout the day when they're working these long shifts to support their families while they're migrating from country to country," Representative Shepard

said. He also stressed supporting children so they can grow up in stable households and feel more comfortable going off to college.

Representative Patrick Ronan of Liberia said that there was a problem with communication in GA Third Committee. Representative Ronan stated that all the Member States should merge together because they are all agreeing on the exploitation of children and the importance of healthcare.

Education reforms and resolutions are being worked on by multiple committees. Representatives from Spain, Guinea, Mongolia and Canada have a working paper that not only funds schools, but also in-

vests in roads, free transportation and providing parents incentives to keep their children in school. They also identify children that have gone through traumatic experiences by providing counseling to them.

Representatives from Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Egypt, Mexico and Denmark are creating a working paper called Children's Advocacy for Rights and Empowerment (CARE)

This resolution establishes a Big Brother program where larger established countries can offer advice to smaller countries but will ensure the larger countries do not take advantage of the smaller ones.

# PRESS RELEASES

ICJ Justices  
Provisional Measure: Mexico v. United States:

The International Court of Justice unanimously finds it pertinent, in accordance with the United Nations charter and prior to the decision of this pending case, that the United States of America halt the carrying out of the three executions of but not limited to César Roberto Fierro Reyna, Roberto Moreno Ramos and Osbaldo Torres, which are scheduled within the next six months.

ICJ Justices  
Provisional Measure: Finland v. Denmark:

Recalling Finland's request for a provisional measure that would halt construction of the bridge, the International Court of Justice unanimously finds it unnecessary to institute the measure, considering Denmark's projected construction of this bridge would not halt any nautical passage for another four years, and the Court will have already made a decision regarding this issue.

Historical Commission on Inquiry

The Commission praises the exemplary efforts and continued cooperation of the Lebanese law enforcement and intelligence communities with regards to the assassination of Rafik Hariri. We believe continued cooperation is key to resolving this matter. We encourage anyone possessing relevant information to come forward as we continue the investigation.

United Kingdom  
United States

Historical Security Council 2003

The United Kingdom and the United States condemn the timidity with which the Security Council goes about addressing the government of Saddam Hussein. The body cites concern for the well-being and the safety of the Iraqi people. Both the United States and United Kingdom share this concern, but would highlight some unfortunate truths: war will hurt the Iraqi people; sanctions will hurt the Iraqi people; embargoes will hurt the Iraqi people. Indeed, all direct action will hurt the Iraqi people. However, what shall we do in the face of a government which is hostile and uncooperative to the Security Council, has a widely recognized track record of various war crimes against civilian populations, and a track record of failing in its responsibilities as stated in previously passed UNSC resolutions? Any policy resolution passed by this body will not be worth the paper its written on if it cannot or will not be backed up with concrete action; even military action, if necessary.

Sri Lanka  
GA Third Committee

Sri Lanka is looking for support regarding migrant children and women by proposing an affordable housing education process. Working with Lithuania, who fully supports us, have proposed a system that promotes the ideas we are driving for. If there are any member states that would like to ask about the PESUP Children Homes Project, please contact us.



PRESS RELEASES

Germany  
France  
Historical Security Council 2003

The countries of Germany and France would like to condemn any invasion of national sovereignty. While we understand and support the need to prevent Iraq from acquiring any nuclear weapons, we believe that other more peaceful measures must be taken before any unilateral action.

Somalia  
World Conference on Youth

PROTECTION, UNIFICATION, AND COLLABORATION ALL IN THE NAME OF HEALTHCARE

First resolution to pass during the World Conference on Youth, hooray!

Last night, just 15 minutes before dinner the World Conference on Youth passed Resolution 1.1 on Access to health care regardless of rural or urban status submitted by Nigeria, Bolivia and Colombia. This was a collaborative effort with a dozen signatories signing on immediately elaborating on clauses to draft a well rounded and inclusive document. Utilizing the diverse voices of many delegations, this resolution covered many different facets of healthcare. When asked why this resolution is important for all member states to support, Federal Republic of Nigeria explained “...the world seems to prioritize urban health over rural health, today that has changed. Passing a resolution emphasizing equal areas of healthcare for rural areas is critical to close the gap in health.” Through unification and drive the World Conference on Youth brought us one step closer to eradicating healthcare insecurity.

Impactful clauses present within this resolution include:

- Recognizing the differences with accessibility to quality health care between urban and rural areas; with a significantly lower accessibility in rural areas,
- Calls upon Member States to take immediate action to bolster the pre-existing local health clinics in rural areas to assist in providing medical and educational resources while respecting regional beliefs and infrastructure.
- Noting with regret that the maternal and infant mortality is an issue that is particularly impacted by this divide,
- Encourages Member States to establish concise campaigns combating sexual violence, promotion of sexual health, women’s rights, and childcare in their country.

Delegates, I urge you to follow the Arabic word salaam, meaning peace, work together to solve the issues facing your committees and do so in collaboration and peace.

SOVREIGNTY OVER PEDRA BRANCA/PULAU BATU PUTEH

Carrie Ritter  
International Court of Justice

The Court heard oral arguments on the case Malaysia v. Singapore on the sovereignty over Pedra Branca Sunday morning, 24 November. There is a lighthouse on the island of Pedra Branca that was built and maintained by the British India Company until responsibilities were handed over to Singapore, which is the main claim of sovereignty that Singapore has over the island. They have further established their sovereignty by building a military communications base on the island. Furthermore, a letter from the Sultanate of

Johor gave away Malaysia’s assertion of sovereignty over the island. Malaysia claims that the letter was written by a person who did not have authority to do so. Malaysia argues historical sovereignty over the island regardless of Singapore’s presence on the island. Malaysia asserts that the granting of the land to build the lighthouse was not legal declaration over the island as a whole but that the land was leased to Singapore, in order to help ships pass safely through the waters between the two countries. Malaysia argues that they have expressed sovereignty through maritime patrols, which indicates that they have seen

the construction of the lighthouse and the military communications yet have not argued against it until recently. Malaysia does not want control over the lighthouse. They have stated that even though the British presence has fully left, the deal that they made with Singapore still stands so there is no way for them to gain control. Since 1962, Malaysia has been labeling Pedra Branca as Singaporean territory on their maps It is up to the court to determine whether Malaysia’s fight for sovereignty overrules Singapore’s presence on the island.

CCPCJ  
RESOLUTIONS TAKE OFF

Carrie Ritter  
Commission on Crime  
Prevention and Criminal Justice

The CCPCJ is currently focusing on the elimination of violence against women. Within the committee, there are multiple resolutions being discussed with each focusing on a different aspect of the issue. So, instead of making one broad resolution, the committee is taking a more narrow approach Belarus is pushing a resolution that focuses on encouraging Member States to take equal opportunity in educating teachers, government officials and any other leaders. However, the United Kingdom has already raised an objection. The United Kingdom has moved to make an amendment that strikes a clause in the resolution proposed by Belarus that would create another subcommittee within the United Nations. Nigeria is focusing on a resolution that pays special attention to cultural sensitivity and the certain cultures that are being impacted more by violence against women. Lastly, there is a resolution circulating that focuses more on the logistics of the issue. One of the topics of the resolution focuses on training police and on underserved countries.

RESOLUTION TAKES  
LEAD IN GA  
CONCURRENT PLEN

Christopher Riehl  
GA Concurrent Plenary

The General Assembly Concurrent Plenary on Sunday worked on multiple draft resolutions on the second topic: the United Nations Global Counter Terrorism Review. While multiple resolutions are being drafted, the African voting bloc led the discussion of counter-terrorism.

The African voting bloc and their resolution focuses on enhancing education at the regional level to create task forces to better comprehend and share ideas that encourage integration in society to prevent terror. The regional task forces would be created by Member States to assist regions that are heavily affected by terrorism. Representative Savannah Sima of Kenya stated “The African bloc truly worked to address a variety of dimensions within the topic of counter-terrorism in the most concise and effective way while gaining support from many member states.” Some regions have already created task forces such as the Multinational Joint Task Force in West Africa. The resolution also advocates for the United Nations to provide monetary assistance through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism.

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