

Secretary-General Welcomes Representatives to 18th Annual American Model United Nations Conference

Chandra Linton
Secretary-General

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to welcome you to the 18th American Model United Nations International conference. Our goal over the next four days is to provide you with a learning experience unavailable anywhere else – an experience that no classroom can provide.

As distinguished representatives of the nations you are representing, your

goal over the next four days is to promote the interests of your government while serving to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. You will find yourself confronting people, concepts and principles that pose direct challenges to your pursuit of that goal. Diplomacy will provide the tools to address these challenges.

The issues and challenges facing the delegations at AMUN are as crucial as they have ever been. Our

agenda this year spans nearly the full breadth of topics that the organs of the United Nations are considering today, including fundamental issues of human rights, economic development, and global security.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the issues facing the world. Crafting policies and solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable by a consensus of the Member States is

a daunting task. The challenges of diplomacy are some of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations. I know that each of you is up to the task that lies before you, and I hope you find the process, as well as the end result, both rewarding and enjoyable. If there is anything that I, or any of the AMUN Secretariat, can do to make your experience better, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Ambassador Robert Krueger to Speak at Special Plenary Session

American Model United Nations International is pleased to announce the keynote speaker for our 2007 Conference: former U.S. Senator and Ambassador Robert Krueger. The 2007 keynote address will be Sunday afternoon from 1:15 to 2:15 pm.

Krueger has been a university professor and dean, businessman, Chairman of a state energy regulatory Board, U.S. Congressman, U.S. Senator, U.S. Ambassador on three occasions and Special Representative of the U.S. Secretary of State. Following his time in the Senate, Krueger was selected by President Clinton to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Burundi. His posting there began during the aftermath of the genocide in neighboring Rwanda. Krueger was an activist Ambassador, and during his time in-country

he strongly promoted human rights causes in Burundi and the region, interacting with United Nations representatives in the area on several occasions. He later served in Botswana and as a Special Representative of the State Department in the south African region. In addition to business and speaking engagements, Krueger is also currently working with the Hotel Rwanda Foundation to focus attention on the need for a truth and reconciliation commission for Rwanda.

Senator Krueger and his wife have also recently released a book on their experiences in Burundi entitled "From Bloodshed to Hope in Burundi: Our Embassy Years during Genocide."

He will sign copies of the book at AMUN following his presentation.



By Whose Authority?

Malini Rao
*Director-General,
Home Government*

AMUN prides itself on being a simulation that strives to accurately model the United Nations' proceedings "in the real world." As such, AMUN staff members are trained to review representatives' draft resolutions to make certain that they are within purview. That is, while editing resolutions for formatting errors and grammatical mistakes, AMUN staffers also ensure that the resolution is focused and within the scope of the committee's or council's power to address the topic.

The AMUN topic Agenda assigns each of the main General Assembly (GA) committees specific tasks and topics to discuss during each session. Since every Member State has a seat in each committee, it is important that the points of discussion do not overlap, especially if the topic is very broad. 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, the Fourth Committee may discuss the Israeli-Palestine conflict with regard to its political components. However, issues con-

cerning the legal consequences of the conflict are best left to the Sixth Committee, and issues relating to warfare and sanctions are best handled by the Security Council. Therefore, representatives in each committee should take care not to expand the discussion of any topic beyond the limitations set by their committee's mandate and into another committee's area of discussion. This boundary becomes most important when it comes time to draft a resolution that attempts to resolve the problems associated with the specific or particular issue of the topic area.

When drafting resolutions,

representatives may find it useful to consult the purview sections in the *Issues at AMUN* handbook, located at the beginning of the GA's and the individual committee's background guides.

All dais and HG members are trained to help representatives ensure their draft resolutions are within purview and within the power of their committee to discuss. Therefore, representatives are encouraged to speak with any member of the dais or HG, including the Special Rapporteurs, if they have any questions or concerns about their resolution being within purview.

2007 AMUN Graduate School and Career Expo

The 2007 Graduate School & Career Expo will be held on Monday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the promenade across from the Sheraton and Chicago Ballrooms. All AMUN participants are encouraged to attend the Expo for information from the following schools:

George Mason University

Valparaiso University

Seattle University School of Law

University of Maryland, School of Public Policy

Heinz School, Carnegie Mellon University

Pace Law School

American University

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee MBA

Webster University

Chicago Kent College of Law

Ohio University

University of Denver

University of California, San Diego

Heller School for Social Policy & Management

Marquette University Department of Political Science

Harvard University

Kennedy School of Government

The Fletcher School

Williamette University

We look forward to seeing you there!

Fifty-two Countries to be Honored by American Model United Nations

The following countries submitted complete position papers for the 2007 American Model United Nations conference by our deadline and will receive an award for their accomplishment. Congratulations from the entire AMUN Secretariat!

Afghanistan - Wabash College
 Albania - California State University Fullerton
 Algeria - Univ. of Illinois -Chicago
 Azerbaijan - Univ. of Central Missouri
 Belize - Univ. of Southern Indiana
 Bosnia-Herzegovina - Howard Payne University
 Bulgaria - Univ. of St. Thomas
 Cameroon - Santiago Canyon College
 Canada - Truman State University
 China - University of Maryland Baltimore County
 Cote d'Ivoire - Northern Illinois Univ.
 Cyprus - Central Michigan University
 Czech Republic - Mount Union College
 Finland - Southwest Minnesota State University
 French Polynesia (France) - Alverno College
 Hong Kong, China (China) - St. Olaf College
 Hungary - Western Kentucky University
 Indonesia - Park University
 Iran, Islamic Republic of - College of Wooster
 Ireland - Illinois College
 Italy - Taylor University
 Jamaica - Southeast Missouri State University
 Japan - National Chengchi University
 Jordan - Collin County Community College
 Kuwait - Saginaw Valley State University
 Lebanon - University of Arizona
 Lithuania - Denison University
 Madagascar - University of Arizona
 Mauritania - Santiago Canyon College
 Montenegro - Truman State University
 Myanmar - Northern Illinois University
 New Zealand - Johnson County Community College
 Nicaragua - Central Michigan University
 Peru - Coe College
 Philippines - Missouri Southern State University
 Portugal - College of Wooster
 Republic of Moldova - Hendrix College
 Romania - Hendrix College
 Rwanda - Mount Union College
 Sierra Leone - University of Northern Iowa
 Somalia - Columbia College
 South Africa - Beloit College
 Spain - Triton College
 Switzerland - Muskegon Community College
 Syrian Arab Republic - Austin College
 Thailand - Calvin College
 Turkey - North Central College
 Ukraine - Johnson County Community College
 United Arab Emirates - Austin College
 Uruguay - Winona State University
 Venezuela - University of Cincinnati
 Zimbabwe - Denison University

Safety at AMUN

American Model United Nations (AMUN) places extreme importance on the safety of our participants and guests. We hope that you have an excellent and fun learning experience while at the Conference, but encourage everyone to consider safety issues in and around the Conference hotels.

Please feel free to contact the AMUN staff at any time during the Conference, day or night, if any emergency or similar event occurs where we can be of assistance. We can be reached in the Ohio Room, located on the second level of the Sheraton Hotel, or find any Secretariat member wearing a blue badge. If an emergency occurs that requires immediate help, you should also feel free to contact hotel security (Dial 0 and ask the operator for "security") for assistance.

We also suggest that you follow several common sense rules to keep all participants safe during the conference. These include:

- Always let one of the leaders of your group (faculty, club or organization officer, etc.) know where you are going prior to leaving the hotel or area around it (to visit local friends or relatives, etc.).
- Always travel with at least one person that you know, especially after dark.
- Always remove your name tag prior to leaving the hotel so as not to advertise yourself as a "tourist."
- Help other participants to be safe by encouraging others to not travel outside of the hotel alone.
- Inform one of the leaders of your group immediately if you have a safety concern, or if any emergency situation occurs to you or another participant, regardless of the time. Remember that safety should always be more important than avoiding minor embarrassment to you or another person.

AMUN's goal is to provide an educational, fun and safe experience for everyone – and we appreciate your help in reaching that goal!

Diplomatic Courtesy Starts in Your Suitcase

Mary Beth Brennan-Seng

Associate Executive Director

The appearance of participants at AMUN provides the first impressions of their delegation to other Representatives. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to demonstrate respect to fellow Representatives, Secretariat members, and distinguished guests of the Conference, AMUN requires Western business attire during all formal sessions, including the final General Assembly sessions on Tuesday.

As noted on pages 3-4

of the AMUN Rules and Procedures handbook, AMUN's dress code is Western business attire, defined as follows:

Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks (or a skirt for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the chest or stomach are not appropriate. Sweaters are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not ap-

propriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Participants also shall not wear the traditional and/or religious garb of any state or organization. The only exception to this is required traditional or religious garb from a student's personal religion or culture. Additionally, participants should not affect the mannerisms, linguistic characteristics, or any other perceived traits of a state or culture that they are representing. These affectations

are inappropriate and may be seen as offensive by other students, or by natives of that State or culture.

Please be aware that Representatives who are not appropriately attired or who do not follow these rules may not be recognized during formal debate in any AMUN simulation. Further, AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the Conference floor to any Representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions. Decisions of appropriate attire and professional behavior are at the ultimate discretion of the Secretariat.

Want an AMUN Souvenir? Visit Conference Services on the Ballroom Level!

Visit our Conference Services booth anytime throughout the conference to purchase AMUN items and accessories to start spreading the peace.

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Got Peace? T-Shirt - \$15
 UN Charters - \$3
 Blue Badge Holder - \$2
 Mouse Pad - \$3
 Water Bottle - \$6
 AMUN Logo Cup - \$3
 Key Chain - \$4
 Issues at AMUN Handbook - \$1
 Rules and Procedures Handbook - \$1
 AMUN Logo T-Shirt - \$8
 AMUN Logo Shorts - \$10
 AMUN Logo Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$10
 AMUN Anniversary Polo - \$10

Take Advantage of package deals and save some dough!

Key Chain and Logo Cup - \$6
 Got Peace? Shirt and Key Chain - \$17
 Got Peace? Shirt, Key Chain, and Logo Cup - \$19

