



SC Discusses Security in Somalia

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Fred Michaelson, Representative of Burkina Faso called a press conference to discuss the progress of the Security Council on the issue of Somalia. The Council decided that the urgency of this issue demanded their attention. A representative from the Somali delegation was consulted for a first-hand viewpoint. Michaelson expressed the importance of different viewpoints being represented, specifically from the African Union.

The Council decided to divide the issue into two parts: land and water security and building of infrastructure. Michaelson believes that the security of the Transitional Federal Govern-

ment (TFG) of Somalia is the issue that should be dealt with first. The TFG has requested aid from the UN on this matter.

"The first step is to maintain... security on the waters as well as on the land," said Michaelson. The Council is still discussing where funding and military aid will come from and whether it will be a UN or national force. The US stated they cannot fully contribute troops because of their commitment to the war on terror.

To deal with the issue the Council is also looking into jurisdiction and maritime laws.

Michaelson also emphasized the importance of establishing and strengthening the infrastructure of the TFG in Somalia. He believes it is important to establish the TFG as a "stable and secure government."

Debt Management Tops 2nd Committee Agenda

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The Second Committee's efficiency was evident through their decisive handling of multiple draft resolutions during this morning's session. The committee has taken initiative and continues to create dialogue among member nations.

Representative Cameron Britonitzer of Mexico helped explain the direction which Latin American nations and some European nations were heading. They were calling for broader cooperation by encouraging the restructuring of debt and allowing diversion of debt service in the form of grants.

Throughout the session, further collaboration and caucusing led to a more uniform committee. Success was seen

through the efforts of combining similar resolutions, directly leading to consensus among the resolutions' sponsors and signatories.

The European Union (EU) wanted to create a forum and committee to look over the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC). The intention was to keep this new forum small for the purpose of dialogue and easy flow of ideas. However, Russia and Australia created a separate forum and now members of EU are making attempts to combine ideas into one successful resolution.

With such consistent effort, the Second Committee could be on its way to passing an effective resolution to the General Assembly Plenary, and moving onto the next topic of Industrial Development Cooperation.



Representative Fred Michaelson of Burkina Faso describes the Security Council's progress on Somalia.

ECOSOC Passes Consensus Resolution

by Danae Mercer
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Draft resolution 3.2 was adopted by consensus during ECOSOC's afternoon committee. Five countries abstained without explanation.

The resolution focuses on aspects of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (UNPPA). Noting current economic difficulties, resolution 3.2 affirms the importance of community-driven development. Specifically, resolution 3.2 argues the UNPPA should work with local NGOs to create goals and timetables that would encourage local development.

According to the resolution, local development would best be facilitated through community awareness, education and

skill training. The UNPPA should focus on NGOs that are already active, with cultural awareness and skilled translators.

Madagascar and the Dominican Republic were cited as successful examples of community-driven development by resolution 3.2.

Meanwhile, Switzerland continued receiving many diplomatic notes. Sri Lanka circled the room, collecting signatures on a separate document. In the morning session, "Sri Lanka objected to monitoring money," said the Representative from Belarus, Carol Gay. "But that's a big thing. Japan, UK, US are really worried about money." Other representatives argued funding for the UNPPA is already in place and should not be an issue.

FREE POOL TABLE PLAY!

For your after hours caucusing, be sure to take advantage of the Exhibition Hall located on the bottom level of the conference center. Pool and Ping Pong tables are available all night.

AMUN 2009 ICJ Update

Countries participating in the Palestinian Wall (Advisory Opinion) for the 2009 AMUN Conference will include (mandatory) Israel and Palestine.

Countries with optional involvement include: Ireland, Malaysia, South Africa, Australia, United States.

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ALL Representatives are invited to attend the annual AMUN DANCE Monday 11-24-2008!

YOU MUST WEAR YOUR CREDENTIALS ONE Small Bag Per Person

Starting at 10 PM **DANCE** Ending at 2 AM

Personal Notices

Haiku: *Nia, Good Terminator?*
Cyborgs in disguise /
Fear, they will murder us all /
Can you reprogram

When euchre partners fight,
baby seals cry.

Lize a.k.a. Miss Bossy should
win "best dressed delegate
award"!

JJ, Enjoy your last AMUN.
Love forever, Judes

Jamaica... we have a bobsled
team!

To Nicaragua, El Salvador,
Mexico, and Uganda:

The Republic of Paraguay
offers its gratitude to these
delegations for their work on
the outstanding draft resolution
regarding the elimination
of all forms of discrimination
based on religion or belief.

Mr. Postman, it's tearing up
my heart when I'm with you...
and when we are apart I feel
it too :)

- Yaasi

ICJ Justice seeks companion
for late night deliberations.

Late Night Press Conference: Palestine Calls For Israeli Disarmament

by Tim Murphy
IPD Reporter

The Palestinian delegation believes that a quid pro quo exchange with Israel can lead to a permanent peace. Representative Judith Rowland, a Palestinian observer, stated that her nation "will make concessions, if Israel is willing to make these concessions as well."

Representative Rowland went on to explain that Palestine would be willing to

recognize several different rights of the Israeli people, as long as the Israeli government agreed to disarm and make concessions that benefit the Palestinian people.

Palestine firmly believes that recognizing each other as equals and allowing unbiased inspections will maintain polarity in the Middle East. Ultimately, Palestine would like to reach an agreement in which it is recognized as a state according to the pre-1967 borders.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: SERBIA
DECLARES VICTORY FOR MIDDLE
INCOME & DEVELOPING NATIONS

Serbia was a key coordinator of Second Committee efforts to address the external debt crisis and issues of development. The deliberations yielded a strong display of international solidarity. The Republic of Serbia hopes that sponsored resolutions GA 2nd/II/I & GA 2nd/II/II provide a strong signal to global financial institutions that there

is a focused, unified demand for institutional reform within the international community. Serbia was a strategic partner in developing both resolutions, which endorse the reform of existing Bretton Woods policies including:

- expanding HIPC and the MDRI
- implementing the odious debt clause
- further integration of debt relief with development assistance in support of MDG attainment.

No Universal Formula For Religious Tolerance

by Yirssi Bergman and
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"Religious discrimination is an enormous problem in the world, but we believe that it would make it worse to force states to implement certain programs against their will," stated Representative Per Jansen of the Syrian Arab Republic from the Third Committee.

Jansen was joined by representatives from Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Iraq to discuss the right of each state to address religious intolerance.

The representatives expressed their belief that each state should decide for itself how to reach religious tolerance, and noted that religious registries might not be the best way to do this.

Representative Courtney

Parker of the Islamic Republic of Iran believed that not all religious registries are negative, but that "nation states should be given the chance and opportunity to create their own rules without the UN being their watchdog."

Jansen added that "as developing countries we believe we know what's best for us. [It is] frustrating that wealthy countries decide what's religious tolerance. It is a blatant insult against the culture and the religions and the morals and values of our people."

For a follow up on the Third Committee's efforts to end religious intolerance read tomorrow's *AMUN Chronicle* to hear from representatives from Mexico, El Salvador, Paraguay, Uganda, Nicaragua, Kenya, and Cote d'Ivoire.

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