

## GEAR REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES THE THIRD COMMITTEE

by Brianna Ehley

The Third Committee continues to debate the Situation of Women in Rural Areas. Insufficient funding to implement a program is a primary concern. Though a clear consensus over the need for the advancement of women's rights was present, the source of the needed funding sparked debate.

Guatemala requested a role-player by a Representative from Gender Equal Authority Reform (GEAR) to discuss implementing a program that would unite human rights organizations into a single, strong entity. The unification of these entities could increase the annual budget from \$221 million to \$1 billion. The GEAR Representative also alerted Representatives that the unification of human rights organiza-

tions could strengthen the advancement of women's rights.

"There are currently 310 network programs supporting human rights and women support groups. Consolidating them would give them a stronger hold in the world and empower women to get the help they need," said the GEAR representative.

Representative Jessica Price of Guatemala asked for support for GEAR from fellow delegations.

"We would like to encourage member-states to continue donating money to pursue the implementation of this program," said Representative Price.

The GEAR representative will be responding to pending questions by representatives via email and will not be returning to the session for more discussion.

## TRADE, DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED IN ECA

by Martha Walter

In the Sunday morning session of the Economic Commission for Africa, the delegations divided into two committees to discuss the two issues they faced. The Millennium Development Goal committee worked on dividing the specific goals into categories to create draft resolutions that address each category. They worked on a draft resolution focusing on the first goal, aiming to eradicate hunger and poverty. The committee discussed industrialization, debt relief, and the accurate collection of statistics.

The committee focusing on Aid for Trade was further divided into groups working on 9 draft resolutions. They discussed

a draft resolution on the floor about broader goals to address the continent of Africa. This draft included the common interests of all states, and groups of representatives are working together on more specific issues. Other draft resolutions are being created, including one that targets microeconomics and grassroots efforts, empowering and improving the African private sector, and accountability of the states giving and receiving aid. E.A.T., or Easy African Trade, is another draft resolution in the making. A common goal of African representatives is facilitating trade between all African nations, both lesser developed and economically advanced countries, and developing infrastructure in Africa.

## HSC DISCUSSES CONGO

by Tauseef Hemayet

This morning, the Historical Security Council met to discuss the stability of the Congo. A Representative from the de facto and rebel governments of the Congo delegation came to the Historical Security Council to provide their general thoughts. The de facto government of Leopoldville and the rival gov-

ernment of Stanleyville have issued opposite views, and no agreement has been reached. Representative Eric Wilson of Ecuador stated that the members have decided to invite the Congolese delegations for informal talks to find they can agree on the condition for cease fire. There is a draft resolution on the floor which concentrates on implementing a cease fire.



Representatives from the HSC hard at work. Photo by Tauseef Hemayet

## TRIAL BY FIRE: AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE ICJ

by Veranja Liyanarachchi

In 1984, the Botswana military fired shots on South Africa patrols. The decision was made by both Botswana and Namibia on May 24th 1992, to allow a joint team of technical experts "to determine the boundary between Namibia and Botswana around Kasikili/Sedudu Island".

Today, the International Court of Jus-

tice starts their first day of deliberation at the AMUN conference with the case of Botswana vs Namibia in the Joliet room on the third floor.

The morning began with the introduction by First Advocate Chase Barclay Representative of Namibia addressing that Namibia and Botswana, former portion of South Africa, have had an item of dispute that

## FOR THE PURPOSE OF PIZZA: CHICAGO'S MANY OPTIONS FOR HUNGRY REPRESENTATIVES

by Tracy Thiel

In a city famous for its pizza, AMUN representatives shouldn't have any trouble finding the perfect pie, both on the streets and in the hotel. For the famished delegation seeking deep dish, vegetarian, or meat lover's special, great pizza as well as AMUN specials can make lunch or dinner something to write home about.

If you'd rather stay close to the hotel, The Pavilion, located in the Hilton, is offering a pizza special for representatives at this year's AMUN conference. A large one topping Connie's Chicago Pizza is available for \$20 with the option of dining in or taking it back to your hotel room. It is a great opportunity to get a bite to eat when you're pressed

for time. Since The Pavilion closes at 10 pm, it may not be the best option for a meal after suspension of the meeting in the evening.

However, if Representatives are willing to go for a walk, the originator of the Chicago-style "stuffed pizza" might be worth the trip. Giordano's has over forty locations in Chicago, including one on Rush Street, just off the Magnificent Mile. Along with fantastic pizza, Giordano's also offers great appetizers, salads, and pasta dishes that are sure to please nearly everyone.

If you are still unable to find the right pizza, the Concierge, located in the lobby area of the Hilton, can help you in your search for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, pizza or otherwise.

## WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: WHERE'S THE BEEF?

by Darnell Gardner

Representatives in the World Food Programme had trouble deciding what the Purchase for Progress Programme should seek to accomplish. The program aims to improve on the principles of more common agricultural procurement programs by allowing local farmers to sell their products to the World Food Programme, which then sells the products to people in countries dealing with

hunger. This allows farmers in developing countries to have a steady source of income while also providing food for those in need in other nations. One point of contention was in the program's scope. A Representative of Spain said that the program, which does much of its work in disaster relief zones, was only a short-term solution to the problem of hunger. "Let's give them the tools to survive; let's give them the tools to be self-reliant," said the Representative.

Several Representatives of other nations emphasized that even the short-term relief the program provides is necessary during times of economic crisis and after national disasters. The bloc of Egypt, Algeria, Chad and Guinea-Bissau was able to begin working on the operative clauses of a resolution highlighting the importance of sustainable agricultural development and self-reliance, transportation of agricultural products, diversification of agricultural development and the improvement

to the International Court of Justice. According to the Advocate Chase Barclay, in statement of applicable laws and treaties to this dispute, there are two main points. First the Helgoland-Zanzibar treaty of 1890 caused this dispute, as it was unclear and dismissed the issue. The second and more important view point is that of a common law standpoint.

of existing programs. Representatives from Niger and Nigeria said they had doubts about the sustainability of the Purchase for Progress Programme. "The majority of world food operations are emergency based. We might not have enough arable land in the future to work on food procurement," said a Nigerian Representative. A speaker from the United Nations World Food Programme spoke to delegates before suspending the session.

### PERSONAL ADS

Shannon...there's a nasty rumor that you're off your game.

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"Heal the world! Make it a better place for you and for me and the entire human race!"

- JMF

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Hey Squirrel, I was hiding under your porch because I love you.

- Your AMUN DUG

Shout out to the rap-pap-atours.

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Sovereignty is like something alright...

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First time is always the best time...You liberals at UCMO are something special. Simulations are chart-bursting. The Kenyan will miss you. Chicago and you country liberals are crazy.

- Kenyan in UCMO

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## EUROPEAN UNION HARD AT WORK IN GA PLENARY

by Tracy Thiel

The rapporteur of the GA Plenary reported that this morning's session was a period of intense caucusing, but that no resolutions had yet reached the Dais. However, according to Tim Sally, a Representative of the delegation of France, the possibility of one being brought forward before the end of the day is a definite possibility.

According to Representative Sally, the European Union is working on a two-fold plan for disaster response in the GA Plenary. The first, a European Immediate Response resolution, is moving forward, with France, Portugal, and Estonia on the forefront of the effort. Members of the European Union are also working on a draft resolution dealing with preventative measures.

Representative Sally explained that the focus of the upcoming resolution is working with regional bodies in the event of a crisis, as many will be dealing with the same issues when a natural disaster occurs. Regional efforts are also more effective at respecting national sovereignty when disasters happen.

The EU also hopes to emphasize asset, rather than monetary donations, in order to avoid the corrupt usage of funds given for natural disaster relief, which could potentially be funneled from relief efforts into other government efforts.

## SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATES DRAFT RESOLUTION

by Elizabeth Van Dulman

Sunday morning, Representatives of Mexico and Costa Rica circulated a draft resolution regarding the situation between Venezuela and Colombia. Reports emerged that bridges have been bombed in Colombia that were not protected under an existing treaty. Both sides have threatened to use

military action. During discussions, many countries stated that the information on the situation is incomplete. This led Mexico and Costa Rica to amend their draft to include a request for a fact finding mission. Representative Sawyer Baker of Costa Rica stressed the importance of passing the resolution stating, "we need to have a fact

finding mission, there is much information we do not know about the situation between Venezuela and Colombia. We believe that the presence of a UN fact finding team would also help to avoid military action by both sides." Amendments to the draft resolution are still being discussed.



Representative Sawyer Baker of Costa Rica addresses the Security Council Sunday morning on the importance of passing the resolution presented by Mexico and Costa Rica on the situation between Venezuela and Colombia. Photo by Elizabeth Van Dulman

## TO HAVE OR NOT TO HAVE AN INCORPORATION OF A THIRD PARTY IN LIBERIA

by Chelsea R Taylor

In the Sixth Committee, the main topics for the Liberian delegation were to incorporate a third party and enforce accountability for the troops sent into Liberia to fight. The third party's key purpose within the country is to stand for International Standards. These standards would be sought through ICC and specific UN tribunals. The biggest issues currently in Liberia are gold and arm smuggling and sexual abuse. The third party's most valuable goal is to play an active role and be visi-

ble to the citizens by reporting on issues conducted dishonorably by non-citizens, such as soldiers, unto the people of Liberia.

The Representative of Liberia, Krissy Wesolowski, made the issues clear that the country's focus was to comfort the citizens by providing a third party and to state how grateful the country is for the surrounding third parties' support.

Representative Wesolowski provided two necessary conditions that her country believes must be employed in order for success in

Liberia. Liberia's Representatives are motivated to resolve their country's issues with the opposing countries. There is great optimism that progress will be accomplished.

## ECOSOC FOCUSES ON MAINSTREAMING DISABILITY IN DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

by Michelle S. Kampen

In the ECOSOC today, there was much debate and confusion over bringing a draft resolution submitted by representatives from Malaysia to the floor to be discussed. The draft resolution, concerning "Mainstreaming Disability in the Development Agenda," called for a clearer definition of disability. However, many Representatives seemed

## NO CONSENSUS IN FIRST

by Wesley Riley

The Representatives of the First Committee continued to set their sights on the elusive target of consensus this morning. Long caucus breaks and splintered blocs have triggered several draft resolutions but none have yet reached the floor. Ideas ricocheted between the numerous small groups in rapid-fire discussions as Representatives gathered ammunition for their arguments

and stockpiled support for their proposals. Representative Ashleigh Lanyon of Bolivia and Representative Jordan Rowe of Brazil both made appeals to bring the whole committee back together again to deliberate as a group. Most of the draft resolutions appeared to focus primarily on the supply-side of the small arms trafficking dilemma while not addressing the tremendous demand for these weapons.

## TENSIONS RISE IN SECOND COMMITTEE

by Elizabeth Vincent

Tensions rose as the transfer of illicit funds continued as the hot topic. The Representatives of Saudi Arabia continued to revise and push their first draft resolution to the floor, having twenty of the required thirty signatures.

The Representatives of Spain pushed their own draft resolution. However, Representative Adam Renner of Oman disapproved of a clause asking for state cooperation with NGOs because it violated state sovereignty. In response to questions concerning material assets, he reminded his fellow representatives that Second Committee should focus on monetary issues as op-

posed to material ones.

Concerned with state sovereignty, Representatives of South Korea and supporting states began circulating a draft resolution. "This asks for voluntary regional NGOs to deal with corruption. It is too hard to deal with on a global level, you have to break it up," Representative Roman Hechenberger of the Democratic Republic of Congo explained. "Since it is voluntary, it will not violate state sovereignty, but hopefully pressure from surrounding states will encourage others to join."

Representatives of Mali and Chad emphasized unity within the committee, trying to bring about a cohesive resolution as discussion continued.

to be concerned that the definition used was from a resolution passed in 1996, when there had been a clearer definition passed much more recently.

If the resolution is not brought to the floor, there are other countries that are very adamant about discussing their own drafts. Although the delegates from the United Kingdom supported Malaysia's draft resolution, they would consider supporting a new

resolution which might alleviate the confusion that seems to be hovering over everyone in the committee.

"We hope to come to a consensus," said Representative Molly Miller of the United Kingdom. "We hope that seeing the opposition, Malaysia will consider amending their resolution in order to reach a consensus within the body."

## PRESS RELEASES: HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL

From Ceylon:

Ceylon was appalled with the arrest of President Lumumba in the Congo by the Leopoldville faction. We have threatened to pull out our UN Peacekeeping troops out if he was not released in a timely fashion. However, there are rumors going around that Lumumba has been murdered as a sacrificial offering, and Ceylon will not stand for this. That is why we are pulling out our 1,000 troops from the area for their own safety until it seems a working, democratic government stabilizes the region.

From The United States of America:

We would like to state that as of now the rumors which have been circulating through the Historic Security Council concerning Cuban exiles are exclusively rumors.

At this time, we have not been presented with any evidence concerning the exiles and their behavior and we urge the public to disregard any said rumors until factual information has been presented and an official statement has been made.

We will keep the public informed as information becomes available.

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