

## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES FOR AMUN'S FUTURE

by Tracy Thiel

Brian Endless, founder and Executive Director of AMUN, sat down with the IPD Monday evening to talk about this year's Conference and his vision for the future of AMUN.

Endless described the Conference as an overall positive experience. Since this is the first year in the Hilton and the fifth hotel since 1990, there was a lot of prep work to be done. The hotel has been great, but there were some adjustments to be made. Endless said that there are "always some challenges," especially this year as staff has had to adjust to the growth of the Conference by introducing the World Food Programme voluntary committee.

The Conference has not only increased in size

through a surge of AMUN participants, the staff has significantly expanded as well. Training this year's staff was especially important, Endless explained, and training included multiple tours of the hotel in order to prepare them to help Representatives move between simulations and find their way around the new hotel.

Endless was pleased that the keynote speaker, Paul Ruesesabagina, was well received and that the speech went very well. The Graduate School Expo was also a successful event at the Conference, with many students in attendance exploring different graduate and career options.

According to Endless, one of the future goals for the Conference is keeping the quality of the event high into the future. He expects

this to be accomplished through the help of representative input. The goal is not to "recreate but improve the wheel," Endless said. Changes in the near future include updates to the website, giving students more access to information online before the Conference, and look into the long term potential of the Hilton for future AMUN Conferences.

Endless explained that the real goal of AMUN is "to keep ahead of the curve," not only with what is going on in the world and in the body of the United Nations, but with the future of technology and communication. Providing the high quality service that AMUN has offered in the past is a continuing challenge, but a goal that this reporter does not think is too far fetched.



## END OF DELIBERATIONS:

From all the Staff at the American Model United Nations we hope you enjoyed your experience at the 20th Annual Conference. Have a safe journey home and we'll see you all next year at the Chicago Hilton 20-23 November 2010.

## CURTAIN CALL FOR COMMITTEES

### Third Committee

By Brianna Ehley

After passing two resolutions on the issue of the Right of Peoples to Self-Determination, the Third Committee refocused its attention on The Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas.

Three resolutions addressing the issue of The Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas, were passed Monday evening. Resolution GA/3rd/II/10, authored by Portugal, France and the Netherlands passed with a vote of 39/30/25.

Resolution GA/3rd/II/8, authored by Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Venezuela, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon and Somalia, passed with a vote of 41/18/32.

Resolution GA/3rd/II/3 passed with a vote of 52/27/17. The resolution was authored by Guinea-Bissau, Estonia, Cape Verde, Portugal, Netherlands, Mozambique, Ukraine, Ireland, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Macedonia, Israel, Chile, Liberia, Norway, Columbia, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Italy, El Salvador, Algeria, Cuba, Finland, Venezuela, Germany, the United States of America, Malawi, Liechtenstein, Afghanistan, Ghana, Armenia and Australia.

Four resolutions have been passed in the Third Committee regarding The Improvement of the Situation of Women in Rural Areas. Resolution GA/3rd/II/2 will be pre-

sented to the Combined GA Plenary Committee for consideration.

The Third Committee also passed two resolutions Monday evening on The Right of Peoples to Self-Determination, including GA/3rd/I/1, which passed in the GA Plenary Committee with a vote of 40/13/33. The resolution was authored by Kuwait, Palestine, Somalia, The Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, France, Liberia, Jordan, China, Portugal, Malaysia, Niger, Oman, The Central African Republic, Egypt, The United States of America, Mauritius, Burkina Faso and Australia.

### International Court of Justice

By Veranja Liyanarachchi

Opinion and explanations to the case of Botswana v. Namibia, argued on the 22 November 2009.

#### Botswana v. Namibia

The majority opinion was signed by and agreed to by Justices Feikema, Milla, West, Vega-Siferd, Lara, Kernosky, Placek, Merchant, Garber, Eldred, Abduljaber, Licari, and Klipfel.

Namibia forwarded the argument that the original intent of the Treaty of 1890 was to give the island to Namibia. In support of this claim, facts were presented by the advocates claiming that Namibians occupied the island at the time of the treaty and immediately following. The

court unanimously rejects that claim. Although, the court recognizes that this may have been a possibility, insufficient evidence was submitted to support this claim. Therefore, the court affirms the validity of the 1890 Heligoland-Zanzibar Treaty, and the Sedudu/Kasikili Island as sovereign Botswana land. The court orders that the boundary between the states be set in the north channel of the Chobe River around Kasikili/Sedudu Island and also Court ordered that both parties retain existing water rights. The Court further ordered that in the spirit of International diplomacy, that the government of Botswana, in good faith, continues cooperation with the international tourism corporations currently operating along the Chobe River and Kasikili/Sedudu Island.

Opinion and explanations to the case of Nicaragua v. Colombia, argued on 22 November 2009.

The majority opinion was signed by and agreed by Justices Milla, Vega-Siferd, Lara, Placek, Garber, Eldred, and Klipfel.

The Court found that at the present time, sufficient evidence was not presented by the applicant to prove coercion or duress in the signing on the 1928 Barcenas-Esguerra Treaty.

The Court therefore orders that if any further judgment is to be made, the parties return with sufficient, documented evidence and argumentation regarding the coer-

cion and validity of the Barcenas-Esguerra Treaty of 1928. The Court further orders that Nicaragua and Colombia retain control of the land pursuant to the Barcenas-Esguerra Treaty of 1928 and the territorial waters resulting from that treaty according to the customary and statutory maritime laws until such time the Court renders a final opinion.

Yesterday the International Court of Justice started with the Advisory Opinion: Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in Occupied Palestine Territory by reading the Israel memorial. Israel Advocate Shannon Salk addressed that Palestine has no standing before the court in reference to Israel building a wall that deviated from the Green Line, because the Green line was never a reference to define borders and because Israel has right to protect its people from senseless act of violence.

Then Advocate David Sahil from Palestine delivered their memorial to the Court stating that the construction of the Wall violated several international laws including the boundaries between Palestine and Israel established by the UN General Assembly and the Security Council.

After the two main arguments, Advocates Neil

Driseoll and Lindsey Bell from South Africa and Advocate Saudi Arabia delivered their arguments in regarding the issue.

### ECA

By Martha Walter

Debate on resolutions concluded in the ECA yesterday. The committee moved on to editing draft reports and selecting delegations to represent the group at the presentation. The report on topic one, Aid for Trade, was completed and adopted Monday night. Discussion of the document included editing for content, controversial issues, and anything that may have been forgotten. The draft of the report on topic two, Millennium Development Goals, was being written Tuesday morning. Representatives debated which delegations would be presenting the reports to ECOSOC and were voted on during the morning session. Representative Katherine Taylor of Mozambique and Representative Christina Williams of Namibia agreed that deliberation Monday night and Tuesday morning was the most intense and complicated it had been all weekend. They said that this was because of the qualifications of multiple delegations to speak well on behalf of the reports and resolutions developed by the committee. The delegations selected to present topic area one were Ghana, Chad, Egypt, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The delegates that will be presenting topic area two are Democratic Republic of the Congo, Algeria, Guinea-Bissau, Sudan and Uganda. Overall, the ECA had a very successful weekend, adopting a total of nine resolutions between the two topic areas.

### World Food Programme

By Darnell Gardner

Representatives in the World Food Programme completed both of their reports on time yesterday, but only after solving one small problem.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) objected to the second report on the grounds that Kim Jong-il, President of the DPRK, would be dissatisfied with the report's approach to national sovereignty.

Representative Kamil Zawadzki of the DPRK said that he was trying to stay in character when he objected, and that he always planned on accepting the report. He quickly changed his stance after talking to the Rapporteur.

Committee members selected representatives today from Guinea-Bissau, the Syrian Arab Republic, Spain, Brazil, Pakistan, Guatemala, Sudan and Cameroon to present the two reports before the General Assembly Plenary.

**WE CAN DANCE IF WE WANT TO...**



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The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AMUN Representative Dance was once again a rousing success. Dressed to the nines, the representatives danced the night away. Having more fun than you'd get from a *real* United Nations dance the representatives were enthralled by the musical talents of DJ Michael Pleasant. Join us again next year for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dance. Send recommendations on next year's theme to [sg@amun.org](mailto:sg@amun.org)

**PERSONALS**

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Ifc jhgx kel ski tbaill gvvoel.  
-J (Hint : Hancock)  
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My catchphrase is Schadenfreude  
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I need to marry a dietician and have a chocolatier for a mistress.  
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El Jefe,  
You handled this conference with your customary grace and poise. You did a wonderful job.  
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Look, we're a human sine wave!  
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You know that unwashed hands reached into that orange water, right? Not sanitary.  
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WFP Dream Team - You rock harder than a 100 ton boulder.  
Thanks for everything!  
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HG controls fact. IPD controls information.  
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Who loves Pakistan?! Thanks for the Jolly Ranchers!  
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AR, PS, TH - You made this year a success. Let's do it again next year.  
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MPH- While you were out of your room we changed your sheets for Ruben's...  
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Packs of students with cell-phones and 75 USD to spend should avoid Rare Bookstore on Printer's Row that is owned by pompous men listening to Ralph Stanley  
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Jenkins is my hero...  
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Thanks for welcoming KTK and GFHK into the family  
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Adam Dour actually might have more Machismo  
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I look forward to working in the Department of AWESOME next year.  
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Go Bearcats? - UCIPD  
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On your tombstone it'll read:  
*Post Hoc Ergo Proctor Hoc*  
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I never wanted to be a silver spangle so much in my life.  
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Thanks to the whole AMUN family for an incredibly thoughtful year. Love, B&C  
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Thanks to all Staff and Representatives for making AMUN 2009 a rousing success.  
-SG CB

**FINAL PRESS RELEASES**

**From: People's Republic of China**  
**Subject: Situation in Chad**

The People's Republic of China and Costa Rica are proud to announce the formation of a compromise after intense debate over a certain resolution. Both countries were similarly concerned about the refugee crisis in the Republic of Chad, but with differing viewpoints of appropriate wording and conclusions. Recognizing the importance and pressing need to find a solution to this problem, the two nations, working one-on-one, agreed to an amendment making the resolution acceptable to all parties involved and ensuring its passage by consensus. This form of passage was particularly important in this case as the resolution would have been of greatly reduced effectiveness had it not been adopted by consensus.

**From: Brazil**  
**Subject: Biodiversity**

Brazil would like to commend the Second Committee for recognizing the inherent

goodness of humanity by passing Resolution II/2/1 for the Convention on Biological Diversity. This resolution calls for the establishment of a \$30 billion fund for the protection of biological "hot spots" throughout the world. A \$30 billion fund is more than Brazil could have ever hoped for, given that this sum is considerably larger than many developing states' entire GDP and larger than the UN's total operating budget of \$1.5 billion. Despite the lack of funding oversight and accountability mechanisms this resolution is surely a triumph of farsighted and pragmatic multilateral environmental protection.

**From: France**  
**Subject: The Situation in Sudan and Chad**

The Republic of France would like to praise the actions taken by Sudan and Chad during the crisis session. Through the mediation of France and Libya, both Sudan and Chad were able to begin peace talks and refrain from violent action after the unfortunate incident that left over 600 UN Peacekeepers dead,

which was started by a currently unknown party. Both Sudan and Chad acted nobly by agreeing to these talks and were swift in accepting terms of joining said talks. The Republic of France would also like to offer an apology to Sudan for any offense they may have taken from the Security Council during their question and answer period. The Republic of France once again applauds the great efforts of Libya, Sudan and Chad in their efforts during the tension-filled crisis. This situation shows once again that cordial dialog and swiftly acting in a diplomatic fashion can work to resolve a difficult issue in the best of manners.

**From: Philippines**  
**Subject: Illicit Trade of Small Arms**

On Monday, 23 November a tragedy occurred in the nation of the Philippines where at least 21 people were killed by gunmen wielding small arms and light weapons. This incident only increases the need for a comprehensive small

arms resolution that the First Committee has yet to produce. Although, we have discussed many resolutions and even passed two, the Philippines does not feel the committee has taken real action to prevent these types of violent acts in the future.

**From: Malaysia**  
**Subject: Preventing and Combating Corruption**

Malaysia applauds the efforts in the Second Committee, which has put so many wonderful draft resolutions forward in such a short time, all with the hopes of slowly curing nations from the ailment of corruption. Much debate has gone on in regards to sovereignty, as many resolutions currently address a system of global monitoring. Malaysia and our friends from Malawi, Niger, Nigeria and Jamaica, have drafted resolution

**RETRACTION**

Correction: Brazil was incorrectly reported in this morning's paper to have participated in the GA Plenary walk out.

**LAST CHANCE**

For Fabulous AMUN Swag! Be sure to check by Conference Services now located outside of the General Assembly Plenary Room, to buy your memories in merchandise form. T-shirts, Key Chains, Cups, Mugs, Winter Wear, more T-Shirts and smiles are available. Last Chance to take home a little piece of the AMUN experience.

**JOIN STAFF**

If you missed your chance to interview for a position with the glorious AMUN Secretariat don't panic. If interested you can always send applications to [sg@amun.org](mailto:sg@amun.org)

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