



LATE NIGHT CAUCUS AREA

Remember, the late night caucus area is available to you to socialize with your new friends. Join the fun down in the River Exhibition Hall A.

AMUN KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Ibrahim O. Dabbashi, Permanent Representative to Libya, will be visiting AMUN Today to share his thoughts on the Arab Spring.

AMUN STAFF INFORMATION SESSION

The last information session for those of you interested in joining AMUN staff will be tonight at 7:30 pm in the Mayfair Room.

Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

1 The General Assembly Concurrent Plenary Committee spent its first session caucusing and generating ideas about aid relief. There are many resolutions in progress but none have been passed at this time.

GENERAL FIRST COMMITTEE

2 The Committee on Disarmament and International Security started the night with speeches outlining the desires of the global community, focusing on creating a safer and greater world through reducing nuclear and biological stockpiles.

GENERAL SECOND COMMITTEE

3 The Second Committee set a docket Saturday evening after a very close vote. The Committee will first debate Agriculture Development and Food Security, followed by Groups of Countries in Special Situations regarding landlocked developing countries. A coalition led by the United States of America is being formed.

GENERAL THIRD COMMITTEE

4 The Third Committee is working in regional blocs to develop incentives for education. These incentives may include a food or monetary allowance to students' families.

GENERAL FOURTH COMMITTEE

5 Tonight, the General Assembly Fourth Committee devoted a large amount of time to caucusing and then discussed both the basics of the Occupation of the Syrian Golan and Assistance in Mine Action. In addition, representatives have begun the process of producing draft resolutions.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

6 Extensive debate occurred in the Human Rights Council as various countries expressed their opinions on the importance of water sanitation. Representatives split into various sub-committees representing certain regions to discuss and resolve regional issues.

ECOSOC

7 ECOSOC began its deliberations with optimism for the upcoming topics on its agenda, and looks forward to a successful session.

ESCAP

8 The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific decided to focus on Energy Security and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific in first session. The body is currently selecting sub-topics that could potentially merit discussion.

CPD

9 During the 23rd AMUN Conference, the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) will be working to submit two reports. The topics include Age Structures of Populations and Their Implications for Development, and International Migration and Development.



Representatives applaud the opening of the 23rd AMUN International Conference. Good luck to all of our distinguished representatives in their deliberations!

OPENING SPEECH SETS TONE, ENCOURAGES COMPROMISE

"The art of diplomacy is finding common ground."

*By Grace Pastoor
Reporter for GA Plen & ECOSOC*

The 23rd annual AMUN Conference opened with a speech by Shannon Dunn, AMUN's Executive Director, who set a welcoming tone for the coming four days.

It's always exciting to see the opening speech," said Jacquelyn Childers, a Permanent Representative of Ethiopia. The University of St. Thomas senior said she is excited to be representing what she called "a very powerful African country."

Representative Chelsea Rodriguez of Kazakhstan said she enjoyed Dunn's remarks. Rodriguez said Dunn gave "a nice, welcoming speech that got everyone in the spirit." Rodriguez is confident the representatives will get a lot done at the conference.

Not everyone thinks this year will be productive, however. Representative Caleb Stitzel of Turkey, who sits on the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, is worried rhetoric will get in the way of real accomplishments. "I feel slightly trepidatious. I think we have potential but I also think these kinds of things are weighed down by bureaucracy, just like in the real world," said Stitzel.

Fittingly, Dunn's speech focused on the importance of consensus building and compromise.

According to Dunn, getting bogged down in conflict is always a risk. "It is difficult to legislate and move forward if all the stakeholders are not invested in the plan," she said.

Despite the difficulties, Dunn believes that AMUN will have a productive 23rd conference. "The art of diplomacy is finding common ground. Even in

such a situation where countries have strong feelings about a subject, it is rare not to find that kernel of common ground."



Secretary-General Dr. Jacqueline E. Whitt welcomes Representatives and motivates them for a successful and productive Conference experience.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IBRAHIM DABBASHI

"The art of diplomacy is finding common ground."

*By Ben Theobald
Reporter for Security Council*

Ibrahim Dabbashi will be the keynote speaker for the 23rd Annual American Model United Nations International Conference. The event will take place in Sheraton Ballrooms IV-VII at 11:00 am, 18 November 2012.

Dabbashi served as a diplomat for Libya while under the Muammar el-Qaddafi regime and during the country's transition to a democracy.

President of the AMUN Board of Directors, Brian Endless, met Dabbashi about four years ago in New York at a Model UN Conference with a group of students who represented Libya.

Endless said Dabbashi was able to speak to the students and took his time to help them understand

his role as a diplomat as well as the positions of Libya at the time.

"We are typically looking for people who we believe can really bring the UN to the participants in AMUN," Endless said.

Dabbashi condoned the actions of the Libyan government after public retaliations broke out in Libya and said he could no longer represent them, according to the AMUN 2012 Conference Program.

"He believed that el-Qaddafi and the Libyan government were committing war crimes and he was going to continue representing the Libyan people," said Endless. "It's the first time I have ever seen an ambassador do that. It was an incredibly brave and powerful thing to do."

Endless said he is hoping that Dabbashi will talk about what it is like to be a diplomat for the UN. Dabbashi worked with the el-Qaddafi regime, and he is

now currently working with the people's government in Libya.

Endless said he hopes to hear about Dabbashi's experience with breaking his ties with the Libyan government.

"When you're a diplomat, you're always supposed to be working for your government no matter what your government is like," Endless said. "It is incredibly rare to find a diplomat who actually takes a moral stand and breaks with the government that he considers to be wrong in such a public way."

EU DIVIDED ON REPRESENTATION OF SYRIAN PEOPLE

*By Adam Cross
AMUN Home Government*

The Foreign Minister of the United Kingdom has announced that it would not yet officially recognize the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces (SNCORF) as the sole representative of the Syrian people. However, European nations are now actively seeking to overturn the EU arms embargo against Syria. Russia, which has backed Assad's regime by vetoing action at the United Nations Security Council, has warned that shipping weapons to rebels would violate international law. The UN Security Council has not imposed any arms embargo on Syria, amid the refusal of Russia and China to back tough measures against Assad.

WHAT THE GA FOURTH COMMITTEE IS TALKING ABOUT

*By Hannah Bates
Reporter for GA4*

During this year's AMUN conference, the General Assembly Fourth Committee will be discussing the issues of The Occupation of the Syrian Golan and Assistance in Mine Action. The Syrian Golan is a major source of water, and Israel has been accused of restricting Syria's use of water in the area since Israel obtained control of the Syrian Golan in 1967 following the Six Day War. During the Conference, the Fourth Committee might focus its attention on country agreement about the water located at the Syrian Golan and public feelings. On mine action, projects to remove mines are severely underfunded, and the cost of removing a single mine is huge. The Fourth Committee will be looking into ways to solve the problem of fundraising to remove mines and will decide how to achieve the goal of a mine-free world.

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Security Council & ICJ Updates

CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL

1 The Security Council has been actively debating to set the working agenda. Guatemala moved to add Syria to the debate, which the Security Council will vote on.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '48

2 As the night began, the council moved into debate on the issue of Kashmir, a Princely State of the British government. This was at the request of India, due to the fact that the Maharajah signed an agreement to accede to India. As of last night, both countries had a representative appear before the council and both were able to speak their views.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '90

3 The representatives of the Historical Security Council of 1990 have gotten off to a productive start. There was a unanimous decision to discuss the situation in Angola, and representatives are doing well at focusing on their respective time frame.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

4 The International Court of Justice (ICJ) spent Saturday evening preparing for its cases, setting the docket, and appointing leadership. The Court will hear the case of *Malaysia v. Singapore* on Sunday at 8:30 am, *The Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Republic of Uganda* at 8:00 pm, and *The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece* on Monday at 6:45 pm. The ICJ President will be Tiffany Clark, and ICJ Vice President will be Jordan Sarchett.

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Docket for the ICJ

The International Court of Justice has set its docket for 2012. The Court will adjudicate the cases presently before it according to the following schedule:

Malaysia/Singapore: Sovereignty over Pedra Branca/Pulau Batu Puteh, Middle Rocks and South Ledge - 2003

- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 18 November, 8:45 am
- Reading of the Opinion: Sunday, 18 November, 7:40 pm

Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo -- *Democratic Republic of the Congo v. Uganda* - 1999

- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 18 November, 8:15 pm
- Reading of the Opinion: Monday, 19 November, 6:10 pm

Application of the Interim Accord of 13 September 1995 -- *The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia v. Greece*

- Oral Arguments: Monday, 19 November, 7:00 pm
- Reading of the Opinion: Tuesday, 20 November, 2:45 pm

IT ALL COMES BACK AROUND: THE CYCLE OF MODEL UN

By *Darren Meeker*
Reporter for *HSC48*

Much like the circle of life, there is a circle of Model United Nations. As new representatives find their passion, the Model UN veterans are on their way out. They have spent countless hours researching their countries' views and beliefs, travelled hundreds of miles to participate in conferences, and created friendships with more people than imaginable. Meeting people and making friends surprised Representative Kareem Aladimi of Macedonia. He expected representatives to be more professional all around, but instead, they were more laid back and Representative Aladimi really got to know

them outside of committee during activities such as the dance.

Coming in for the first time, representatives new to Model UN were adamant that this would serve as a wonderful learning experience. Representative Emily Roberson of Palestine joined Model UN after speaking with her International Studies advisor. She was among those first-time representatives who were excited to be completely immersed in committee and to learn about the happenings of the world.

Those who are new to the program can learn from those who have done this before. The seniors involved in Model UN have gladly divulged advice they deemed necessary for success in AMUN.

Although committee can be daunting for the first time, Representative Jen Aron of Turkey encouraged newcomers to stick with it because it will become easier and you can reap the benefits.

Although it is not always obvious who has experience and who does not, those who have experience also have the ability to make this simulation better for all. Representatives who have participated before likely have advice worth listening to, and, if someone were to ask, those representatives would be willing to enlighten you. As new representatives begin their journey through collegiate Model UN, remember, those above you were once in your spot.

THE ROLE OF THE ADVOCATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

By *Alexandria Witt*
Reporter for *the ICJ*

Delegations with cases before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) are required to provide at least one advocate to argue the case, according to the *AMUN Rules & Procedures* handbook.

These advocates also hold regular positions on committees and as permanent representatives, and spend additional time during the conference arguing cases and hearing opinions. According to Advocates Salvador Carmona and Casey Crandell of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, advocates spend a

great deal of time prior to the conference researching their respective cases by reading AMUN materials, investigating case-specific news, and learning about international law. Representative Karim Aladimi of Macedonia stated that he spent more time preparing for his participation in the ICJ than for his committee (in part because of the structured nature of ICJ proceedings).

Although it can be difficult to balance this commitment with regular committee work, many of the advocates enjoy this additional opportunity. Representative Caroline Aubry of Singapore also serves on

the General Assembly Third Committee. The delegation from Singapore ensured that all representatives were capable of working independently in order to prepare for her absence from regular business.

Advocates face a unique responsibility in that they must represent the interests of a country while still maintaining respect for the ICJ and its decisions. Walking the line between the two interests is a challenge the advocates must embrace.

The general public is invited to hear all advocate opinions and ICJ decisions over the course of the Conference.

THE HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCILS: AN EXERCISE IN TEMPORAL MECHANICS

By *Tory Martinez*
Reporter for *HSC 1990*

Conference veterans are well familiar with the conference "time warp," that is, how the outside world seems to come to a standstill and conference time becomes the new "real" time. For two committees, however, this time warp becomes far more apparent. The Historical Security Councils of 1948 and 1990 have unique opportunities to rewrite history, which is due in large part to the format of their simula-

tions. Each Council is given a start date, and it is understood that everything before that date has happened and cannot be changed. Everything after this date is completely subjective, and it is up to the body to decide how they feel these "current" issues should be handled and whether to look to history for answers or to start anew. "I have no bias because I don't have any recollection of what happened," says Representative Sean Paff

of Canada. "I wasn't born yet, so it's a fresh take on the issues you wouldn't normally get if the simulation was running in real time." Getting the chance to change history for the better is one few representatives will ever experience, and while keeping track of what day and year it is may sometimes be difficult, this experiment in time has the potential to be both rewarding and fulfilling.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THE UN

Should we still be living in fear of a world ravaged by a firestorm of nuclear devastation?

By *Mark Bochucinski*
Reporter for *GA1*

In the past century, nuclear and biological weapons technology has been advancing throughout the world. Nine nations are known to possess a nuclear weapon, and others are in pursuit of such capabilities. Some nations are opposed to others obtaining these weapons. The global community is also dealing with the mobilization of chemical and biological weapons use with progress being made to reduce the global stock. However, despite progress on this front, these weapons are still available for some. The First Committee of the United Nations is grappling with these concerns, which could ultimately result in a noteworthy reduction of these weapons while at the same time respecting a nation's sovereignty and permitting development of nuclear technology for energy. Let us hope that Albert Einstein was not correct when he said, "I know not with what World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."

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