



SECURITY COUNCIL

The Democratic Republic of the Congo was invaded by rebel forces who were impeded by action from the United States & France.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF '48

Conflict exploded in the Middle East as eight countries moved to occupy Palestine, despite American & UK forces on the defensive.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL OF '90

In a surprise attack from both land and sea the nation of Iraq has invaded the country of Kuwait, forcing an emergency session of the SC.

Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

1 The General Assembly Current Plenary returned to discussion of topic area one and was in formal debate regarding International Cooperation on Humanitarian Assistance in the Field of Natural Disasters, from Relief to Development.

GA FIRST COMMITTEE

2 The General Assembly First Committee continues, for the third day in a row, to discuss topic area two on radioactive materials. Attempts have been made to switch topic areas, but those attempts have failed multiple times.

GA SECOND COMMITTEE

3 The Second Committee passed Resolution GA Second/II/6 on the evening of Monday, 19 November. Sponsored by Senegal and Liberia, the resolution involved the re-adjustment of disbursement of micro-loans and expanded access to genetically modified seed varieties.

GA THIRD COMMITTEE

4 During the Monday evening session there were two draft resolutions still being written in the General Assembly Third Committee. The first addressed eliminating racism in education and the second discussed limiting the spread and voice of radical "hate" organizations.

GA FOURTH COMMITTEE

5 Sunday night, the Fourth Committee passed Resolution GA Fourth/II/1 and failed GA Fourth/II/3, which both addressed mine action. The Committee still had a number of other resolutions to consider mid-way through the evening.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

6 The Human Rights Council adopted reports on the Human Right to Water & Sanitation and Rights of Civilians in Armed Conflicts by consensus and with no abstentions.

ECOSOC

7 In their first session, ECOSOC produced a working resolution aimed at gender equality in a variety of areas. The body is hoping to carry momentum from the previous session, in which they passed three resolutions during the latter half of the session.

ESCAP

8 The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific was writing a draft report addressing supply and demand issues as well as updating Draft Resolution ESCAP/II/2.

CPD

9 The Commission on Population and Development completed all of its ECOSOC reports and was reviewing them to gain consensus from all Member States. The topic of Changing Age Structures of Populations and Their Implications for Development is split into three subsections: education, employment and healthcare. Migration is the only section under the topic of International Migration and Development.



Record attendance at the dance led to a great party. Many fabulous costumes and amazing dance moves were witnessed.

LETTING OUR HAIR DOWN!

The Dance was packed with Representatives having a blast!

By Grace Pastoor
Reporter for GA Plenary & CPD

After a long weekend of intense debates and stressful committees, representatives let loose at the representative dance. The theme for AMUN 2012 was Halloween Revisited.

There were some creative costumes, including a banana, Deadpool and a baseball player. Some people wore crazy outfits instead of

getting dressed up in costume.

The music covered a wide range of genres, from Lil Jon's "Snap Yo Fingers" to Fun's "Some Nights." The DJ did not take requests, however. The dance floor was filled at any given time and laughter was ringing throughout the River Exhibition Hall.

Representatives were busting out their best dance moves. A new style of dance was even created. Representatives were "doing the dais," which consisted of holding a pen and pretending to count votes

while shaking to the beat of the music.

Representatives from the Security Councils had to leave the dance early to attend their emergency sessions. "Even though we had to leave early, I had a fun time at the representative dance," said Historical Security Council of 1948 Representative Kelcey Bailey of the United Kingdom. "It was great to see representatives letting their hair down after such a productive conference."

IRAQI INVASION: CRISIS IN HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL 1990

By Tory Martinez
Reporter for HSC90

On 3 August 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait in a surprise attack on both land and sea. There were several air bombings, as well as a run on the Kuwaiti capital. Kuwait was functionally cut off from all access points. Representatives from Kuwait said that this invasion was "unjust and a gross violation of the UN Charter." They maintain that they have always negotiated in good faith with the Iraqis, but that they [the Iraqis] needed a reason to invade, and that they found their reason in their attempt to grab oil from their resource-rich neighbor. Representatives responded promptly by passing Resolution HSC-1990/II/5, which

condemned Iraq's actions and called the international community to action in resolving this issue.

Twelve days later, the Security Council was informed in a prepared statement by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that while he has noted the influx of cooperative ground, air and naval troops, he is not intimidated. He then threatened to burn the oil fields in Kuwait and kill select numbers of Kuwaiti civilians if these troops refused to stand down. President Hussein stated that Iraq was launching missiles at Israel and would continue to do so for as long as the troops remained in place. A representative from Israel spoke before the Council and implored its representatives to focus their attentions on Israel

and demanded proper attention be paid to a sovereign Member State.

Representatives responded with Draft Resolution HSC-1990/6, which authorized "the immediate establishment of an international coalition composed of any willing states tasked with the removal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and the ending of all Iraqi aggression in the region." Choosing to focus attention primarily on the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait rather than the escalation of violence in Israel, this resolution was brief, yet effective. Passing with 13 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention, Resolution HSC-1990/6 effectively diffused the crisis and helped restore some balance of peace to the region.

CRISIS IN PALESTINE: CRISIS IN HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL 1948

By Darren Meeker
Reporter for HSC48

As eight countries converged on Palestine, violence ran rampant. The United States and Britain set up defensive lines while the France worked to contain riots in Jaffa with assistance from Belgian soldiers. Egypt started to bomb Tel Aviv and Syria invaded from the south. Jordan and the Arab Legion moved into Palestine to maintain a troop presence while Israel moved into areas granted to them by the original Partition Plan. As the days progressed, the number of casualties grew steadily.

The Historical Security Council of 1948 started discussion and insisted that parties to the dispute, Egypt and Israel, speak to the committee so as to clear up some confusion. After the two representatives spoke, the Council began work on a draft resolution to create an immediate ceasefire and begin peace talks between all Member States involved.

Work on the draft resolution progressed well until Representative Calvin Bell from the United States expressed his desire to play a role in the peace talks. Representative Bell went so far as to say "I hold the

cards here," and threatened to veto the draft resolution, which would have resulted in failed attempts to stem the violence in Palestine. Many of the representatives present at that time began immediate talks with Representative Bell in hopes of finding a common ground.

After deliberating for days, the Council passed resolution HSC-1949/II/4 with a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions. The United Kingdom and the Syrian Arab Republic abstained. This resolution called for peace talks among members involved and a ceasefire among all members in the region.

ECOSOC HITS A ROAD BLOCK

By Shane Sundholm
Reporter for ECOSOC

After a successful session that saw ECOSOC pass Resolutions ECOSOC/II/5, ECOSOC/II/6 and ECOSOC/II/7, representatives have hit another roadblock regarding topic area two. Although there are two resolutions being informally discussed, there seems to be confusion

as to what particular positions the representatives are willing to take.

Both resolutions simply reiterate previous documents already established by the United Nations. Several representatives believe this topic is far too broad and that the focus should be shifted back toward topic area one. This is because even though several resolutions were passed, given

the economic status of the world, more attention on this matter is necessary.

Despite differing opinions and a body that has lost some ambition, representatives continue to press on. Amidst the confusion, there is hope as several progressive representatives are taking on the challenge.

BEING ON STAFF

By Hannah Bates
Reporter for GA4

Being on AMUN staff can open an individual up to many new opportunities. Just as being a participant in AMUN can be an educational experience, so can being on staff.

Since 2010, Amanda Laukant, a staff member who works in Delegate Services, has volunteered at the AMUN conference. For seven years and about 28 conferences before she chose to join staff, Laukant participated in Model UN. There are a number of reasons why Laukant joined staff, including meeting new people, getting to see how the Conference works from a different side and furthering her experience.

For Laukant, the reasons to keep coming back to AMUN are plentiful. She said, "The staff is fantastic." Laukant says that everyone works together really well, are great, and once again, it is always good to see how the other side of staff really works. Regarding the issue of time commitment, Laukant says that it varies largely depending on the interests of the staff member and what he or she is working on.

Amanda Towner is another staff member who made the transition from representative to staff. While at conference, she and a couple of friends all decided to fill out applications and go through the interview process. She described the actual interview as more of a conversation than anything else. Even though she was the only one out of her group of friends who applied that day and went on to work at AMUN, she said, "It's been the greatest thing ever."

FORGOTTEN GOODS

By Mark Bochucinski
Reporter for GA1

Yes, we have all been guilty of it: we forgot to bring that important item with us to AMUN. I forgot to bring a pair of shorts, and so in order to spare my roommate I have purchased penguin shorts from the local Walgreens. Representative Raquel Chavez forgot normal clothes last year and tennis shoes this year. Representative Jihoon Lee forgot his belt and so has been walking around with extra swagger. Representative Lankath Genathilake on the Human Rights Council neglected to pack more than two pairs of socks.

So next time you pack for AMUN you can be like me and dress in newly acquired and extremely fashionable penguin shorts, or you can be like Santa and make a list and check it twice.

CONGO INVADED

By Benjamin Theobald
Reporter for Security Council

On 20 November 2012 M-23 rebels invaded Goma, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The situation changed when United States military intervention, along with airstrikes by France, limited what M-23 rebel troops could do on the ground. The rebel troops retreated from Goma after the military intervention.

The Security Council focused on the issues underlying the conflict and what spurred M-23 to be more active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Security Council released a presidential statement that passed unanimously.

Security Council & ICJ Updates

CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL
1 The Security Council passed Resolution SC/7 (13/0/2). The overarching point of the resolution is to ease human suffering in Syria and ensure that the violence does not spread across its borders.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '48
2 The Historical Security Council of 1948 called upon multiple parties to the dispute to see all sides of the violence in Indonesia. The Council still had much to discuss and it is uncertain at this time if anything will be decided on this issue.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '90
3 On Monday evening, the Historical Security Council of 1990 was in heated debate over Draft Resolution HSC-90/II/4. This resolution concerns more immediate action in removing South African troops from Namibia, as well as working toward the hasty removal of Cuban troops from Angola.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
4 The International Court of Justice spent the evening of Monday, 19 November hearing the case of the *Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) v. Greece*. The dispute revolves around the internationally recognized name of FYROM. The decision will be announced Tuesday, 20 November at 2:45 pm.

Personal Ad:
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The ladies from the Delegation of Kazakhstan are the most attractive, nicest, funniest ladies at AMUN.
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WRITING REPORTS AT THE AMUN CONFERENCE

By Grace Pastoor
Reporter for GA Plenary & CPD
Although report writing bodies are not as flashy as other committees and some students dread being placed on them, they are an integral part of AMUN. These bodies, which write reports in order to help other committees decide issues to focus on, generally see more participants' approval.

Representative Brett Cline of Kazakhstan, who sits on the Economic and Social Council for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) said he chose ESCAP because he is interested in the issue of energy sustain-

ability. "This is my first time at model UN and I didn't know what I was getting into," Cline said. "It's tedious sometimes, but I know what we're doing matters."

Representative Greta Hanson from Cuba, who sits on the Commission of Population and Development (CPD), said collaboration makes the workload easier.

She also thinks reports are a good way to express ideas. "I like report writing because everyone's voice can be heard," Hanson said. "This way nobody is left out."

One complaint about report writing bodies is the amount of

downtime. Representative David James from Spain, who sits on the Human Rights Council, in addition to Representatives Hanson and Cline, say they sometimes wish things would move faster. "It seems like after you pass a report there's a bit of a slowdown," James said.

Regardless, the three Representatives are glad they ended up writing reports. "At first I was a little hesitant but I realized it was a unique experience," James said. "I realized what we're doing is very important."

ARMENIA AND GREECE TALK TO THE PRESS ABOUT GENOCIDE

By Emily Moorhead
Reporter for GA3
The genocide in Armenia of 1915 has been declared in a resolution by Representative Kyle Carpenter of Armenia and Representative Zach Simonson of Greece. They gathered at a press conference Monday night to discuss their reasons for authoring this document.

For a situation to officially be considered a genocide, Member States have to agree that the situation fits in with the UN definition. Genocide can be defined as "Any of the following acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, as such: killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, imposing measures intended to pre-

vent births within the group, and/or forcibly transferring children of the group to another group," according to Articles II and III of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide.

Representatives Carpenter and Simonson explained the situation in Armenia. They mentioned how the Ottoman Empire planned, organized and systematically disarmed the Armenian people. They were then placed into labor battalions and killed. On April 24, 1915, intellectuals, including painters and writers, were gathered and killed. The remaining Armenians were told they were going to be relocated. They marched many miles, being denied food and water. Many died of hunger or thirst and the remaining were put in a concentration camp in which many perished. Throughout the entire situation,

1.5 million Armenians were killed. The resolution also describes how genocide has technologized. Examples of genocide have informed other groups on how to conduct mass killings more efficiently. The representatives said the Armenian situation directly affected the way the Holocaust occurred.

As of late Monday night, the resolution has failed with a vote of 25/43/40. "Twenty-five votes is historic," said Representative Carpenter. Representative Simonson added "We were surprised by the large number of abstentions during the calling of the roll, especially from states sponsoring the resolution. However, we were encouraged by the debate and expect that within only a few years, this body will recognize the truth of these events."

SECOND COMMITTEE WAVERS BETWEEN TOPICS

By Alexandria Witt
Reporter for GA2 & ICJ
The GA Second Committee spent most of Monday, 19 November discussing the topic of agriculture development and food security. Ten resolutions for the topic were presented for debate. Of those, four passed. The Second Committee dis-

cussed the topic of the Needs and Problems of Landlocked Developing Countries. Only three resolutions had been brought to the floor and all were awaiting a vote.

GA 2nd/II/1 and GA 2nd/II/2 both advocated using regional boards to increase the strength of representation of landlocked developing countries.

Resolution GA 2nd/II/3 focused on using already existing infrastructure to identify trade routes and mitigate costs of transportation.

Sources expected a vote on at least one resolution before the end of committee session.

REPRESENTATIVES ENJOY FREE AFTERNOON

By Alexandria Witt
Reporter for ICJ
On Monday afternoon, AMUN representatives enjoyed time off from committees from 1 - 6 pm.

Some representatives furthered the international experience of Model UN by eating ethnic cuisine. Representative Sean Paff of Canada ate lunch at an Armenian restaurant, and Representative Michael Baharaeen of Kazakhstan enjoyed a lunch at an Iranian restaurant.

Similarly, Representative Maggie Reuter of Singapore used her trip to Chicago to obtain a visa from the Spanish Consulate to facilitate a spring study-abroad trip.

Other representatives spent time bonding with their delegations. Representative Randy Mitchell of the United States of America, along with other members of his delegation, visited Dick's Last Resort, a restaurant that serves not only food, but also sarcastic comments from wait staff.

"Part of the Model UN experience for me is experiencing Chicago," said Mitchell. "Landmarks like Dick's Last Resort make it a lot more special."

Representative Jake Rettig of Singapore spent a classic Chicago afternoon sightseeing. He visited Navy Pier, Millennium Park and Lake Michigan, but for him, the afternoon wasn't just about seeing Chicago.

"It was nice to explore the city," said Rettig. "But it's also a nice time to bond with your delegation."

FORGOTTEN GOODS

By Benjamin Theobald
Reporter for Security Council
Representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom held a press conference on the night of 19 November 2012, to announce a breakthrough with the crisis in Syria.

The Security Council passed Resolution SC/7 which would help give humanitarian aid to the Syrian people. The breakthrough for the resolution occurred when China and the Russian Federation voted in support of the resolution. The reason both countries supported the resolution was because the resolution did not outright condemn the Assad Regime for violating humanitarian law.

Although the United States and the United Kingdom did not agree with the language, they were willing to compromise in order to uphold national security in Syria.

Both the United States and the United Kingdom applauded the Security Council for compromising and hope that the spirit of compromising will carry over in the future.

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS FORGOTTEN ON ACCOUNT OF BOOGIE TIME



GA Second
Late-night dancers kept GA2's attention on food security. Dance chicken, dance.



GA First
Nothing says disarmament may be important like dressing up as an ICBM.



CPD
With changes to a country's age structure new dances emerge.



Security Council
Security Council members work out the crisis through interpretive dance.

Personal Ads:
"Hollywood, we are proud to have a national champ as a roommate"
- D&B
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"IPD: 20% Sass, 80% Caffeine"
- Love, A
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"Panama delegation: I need one of your Equadorian hats."
- Love, A
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"Dear Kazakhstan: I still think you're the best of all the Stans."
- Love, A
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"This resolution is too vague"-
The most common criticism of resolutions.
"This resolution infringes on national sovereignty"-The second most common criticism of resolutions.
We need new argument guys!
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We love the chair of the GA Third Committee!

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It's your last chance. The AMUN T-shirt won't be available after Conference is over. Show of your international relations nerd cred with one of our amazing AMUN t-shirts. Men and women's sizes are available, but quantities are limited so hurry to Conference Services before supplies run out.

Conference Services also has a wide range of other AMUN memorabilia, including jump drives, charters, notepads, lapel pins, mugs and water bottles. Additionally, Conference Services can provide maps or amazing restaurant suggestion.

And just because the weather decided to be uncharacteristically warm (global warming?) doesn't mean that the frigid winds of the north won't blanket you with snow soon. Make sure your trip home is warm and comfy, thanks to AMUN winter wear.

YOU CAN ALSO BUY WINTER WEAR. BECAUSE, AS WE ALL KNOW, WINTER IS COMING!