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THANK YOU REPRESENTATIVES!
AMUN 24 was a hit! This was a year to remember and we hope many of you will be able to join us next year for our 25th Anniversary!

THE FINAL REPORT
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Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

The General Assembly Concurrent Plenary passed its first resolution concerning topic area one, the United Nations global counter-terrorism strategy review. Discussion on draft resolution GA/1/2 began with great concern for establishing border controls in order to limit terrorist activity.

GA FIRST COMMITTEE

The General Assembly First Committee passed resolution 1st/I/6 Monday with four amendments. This was the only resolution passed before beginning discussion of its second topic, Problems Arising from the Accumulation of Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles in Surplus. Representatives have voiced an interest in passing several collaborative resolutions on this second topic.

GA SECOND COMMITTEE

The General Assembly Second Committee was honored by the appearance of the President of the General Assembly. The President chaired the Committee for 30 minutes in preparation for overseeing the Combined General Assembly Plenary session on Tuesday.

SCPKO

Throughout what felt like a long committee session, the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations completed reviewing the report for the second topic, Protection of Civilians, and returned to reviewing the first topic report.

ECOSOC

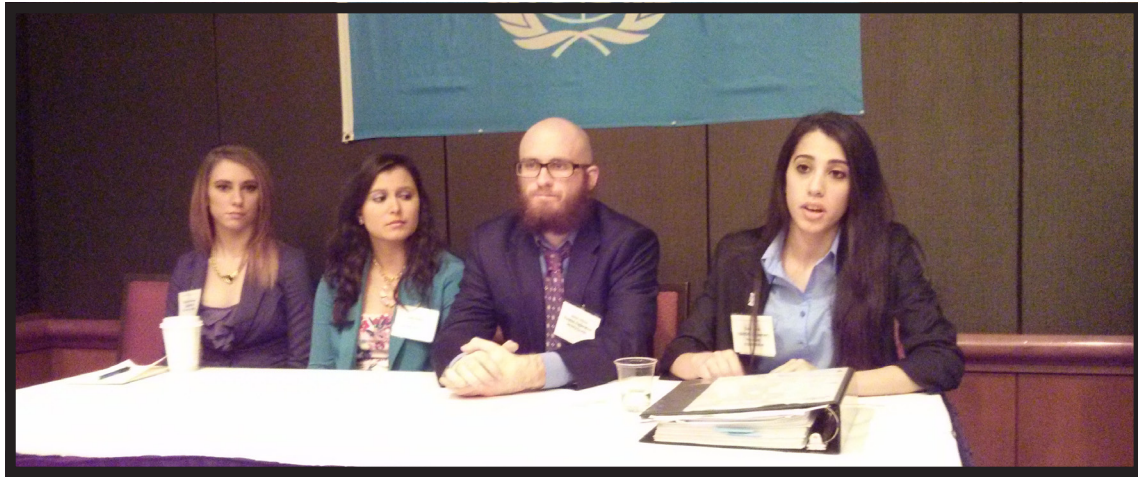
The Economic and Social Council continued to discuss topic area two, promoting efforts to eliminate violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families. As of the time this article was written, there were two draft resolutions on the floor, ECOSOC/II/1 and ECOSOC/II/2, with more being drafted in the hopes of properly addressing the topic.

CCPCJ

Two reports were successfully completed and will be presented to the Economic and Social Council Tuesday during Plenary session. These reports contained resolutions that the body of the Council on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice passed throughout the duration of the conference.

ICJ

The International Court of Justice heard arguments Monday evening on a request for an advisory opinion regarding the Republic of Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence. Advocates from Kosovo, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Ireland and the Republic of Serbia presented oral arguments on the case.



The Representative from Palestine (Observer State) addresses the public during a press conference.

AS COMMITTEES WIND DOWN...

By *JoJai Yoon*

As the Conference nears its end, the representatives on all committees, councils and commissions are putting their utmost effort into achieving desired goals. Representative Mara Souto of Malaysia hopes her report on the conduct and discipline of the Peacekeeping Operation personnel will be adopted by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. Simultaneously, Representative Jonathan Connally of Venezuela is seeking input from his fellow representa-

tives in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on a resolution concerning the violence against women.

However, certain bodies have experienced obstacles in adopting resolutions. According to Representative Rachel Sters of the Republic of Korea, the Security Council did not adopt a resolution on the issue of Syria because Russia insisted on vetoing any and all resolutions on the topic unless the question on the status of Palestine was referred to the General Assembly.

As a result of the difference instances between members of the Council, no resolution concerning the issue in Syria has yet been passed. Representative Rachel Nicholson of Bulgaria has voiced a similar opinion. She expressed belief that the General Assembly Third Committee's emphasis on the issue of Rights of Child has caused consequent lack of discussion on other important topics that should be given proper time for discussion.

DONNING THE ROBES OF THE ICJ

By *Zachary Hausle*

International Court of Justice

It would be easy for an unknowing observer to miss the proceedings of the International Court of Justice. The 15 Justices of the Court spend most of their time cloistered in heated, secret deliberations, debating interpretations of international law. For the Justices, however, their participation has provided them with an invaluable unique experience at the American Model United Nations Conference.

Several of the Justices have previously served as a representative and in other capacities. Jus-

tice Calvin Bell had previously served as a representative on the Security Council and the Economic and Social Committee.

"It's different in terms of needing everyone to come to consensus, which isn't something you always have in committees," Justice Bell said. "It's very delegate-led, too. Staff don't lead as much, which makes it much more independent."

Justice Christopher Seabert appreciated the opportunity to engage substantively with issues of international law and national sovereignty. "I think it's extremely exciting to be working as a judge,

to work with international law and really look at a lot of different topics," Justice Seabert said.

Justice Karissa Mueller concurred, emphasizing that serving as a Court Justice provided her with a much deeper comprehension of the issues under consideration. "I understand better where certain countries are coming from on a specific issue," Mueller said. "You have to really understand where countries are coming from, and it could be about sovereignty, about resources, or anything."

REPORT COMPLETE AND READY FOR ECOSOC!

By *Victoria Martinez*

CCPCJ

Much progress has been made in the Council on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), and both reports are finished and ready for presentation to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The body's report on topic area two, International cooperation for the improvement of access to legal aid in criminal justice systems, particularly in Africa, has provided

much in terms of discussion, as it proposes to completely reform the access to legal aid across the globe.

Representative Parina Lalchandani of Brazil outlined a five-pronged top-down plan which would make access to law school easier for students so as to increase the number of lawyers available to all Member States. This plan would also work to educate citizens as to their rights to counsel and attempt to spread the legal

case load to paralegals to increase the amount of people who have access to representative counsel.

Concurrently, this report also discussed a bottom-up initiative as proposed by Representative Chris Brieno of South Africa. This initiative focused on the Tokyo Rules model of a noncustodial judicial system, which encourages mediation and community building rather than imprisonment for crimes.

PRESS CONFERENCES

Issue of Palestine - GA First

"For over 65 years, the freedom of the people [of Palestine] to live in their own territory has been hindered by this occupation," said Representative Dana Afana of Palestine.

Representatives Cassandra Mosier and Anji Martin of Guatemala and Security Council member Representative Joseph Wilson of the Russian Federation shared similar sentiments.

A resolution concerning Palestinian statehood was voted down early by the Security Council which caused disagreements between the five Permanent Members.

There has been increased solidarity on the issue with some representatives suggesting that the First Committee fund Palestine to counter terrorism.

When asked what Palestine wanted, Representative Afana said, "all Palestine wants is autonomy and a voice."

Palestine Statehood - Security Council

France held a press conference with the International Press Delegation, at which Representative Nick Truog explained his State's reason for vetoing Resolution SC/3, which would have brought the issue of Palestinian statehood to the General Assembly Plenary for discussion.

The resolution was brought about as a solution to the Russian Federation declaring that it would veto anything that was brought up about the Syrian issue unless Palestine was given full member status by the council, Representative Truog said.

While France recognizes Palestine as a state, France vetoed Resolution SC/3 because there was no guarantee Russia or China would actually vote in favor of action on the Syrian issue and because Israel had no say in that decision.

PRESS RELEASES, 1956

France will be taking immediate action against the State of Egypt for its transgressions against French Algeria. We will not stand for any more death of French citizens and the actions of Egypt are utterly unacceptable. This decision was not made lightly and we will not back down. We have the full support of the Republic of China.

PROTECTING UN CIVILIANS IS THE TOP PRIORITY

By Megan Norris
SCPKO

While driving through a steady process of finalizing reports for both of their topics during the committee session, representatives continued to focus on completing reports and working papers. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations was working to "weed out" the unnecessary elements of topic area two, Protection of Civilians. The body was working under one major framework. Within that framework, they were focusing specifically on access to civilians in question and their protection. In addition, they were looking at when the majority of concerns are apparent before, during, or after Peacekeeping Operations. Representative Maheema Haque of Brazil expressed that the Committee was headed in a positive direction. "It has been one interesting conference," she said. Elements expressed in both topics are still under consideration with hopes that they will be brought to the General Assembly.

Personal Ads

JE and BO, simply put, rock.

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Thank you guys! I was almost bored this year! Viking Jackie is almost here!

--SG squared

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A, Never let them see you cry! You did an amazing job.

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Security Council Simulating a Crisis was amazing.

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To Absent Friends. We Love you, we miss you.

- The AMUN Staff

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Editorial Note: The staff of the International Press Delegation would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the IPD reporters. You all did an amazing job covering a busy and frantic Conference. We hope to see you all in IPD again. You Rock!

-The IPD Staff

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You, like the room, are stuck in the past.

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Here's to another 50 years wibbly-wobbly, timey-wimey Allons-y.

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Jackie,
YOU ARE THE BEST.
Seriously, thanks for the laughs.

-All Mankind

HOPES FOR PALESTINE DASHED IN GA SECOND COMMITTEE

By Josiah Kinney
Second Committee

In the General Assembly Second Committee, a draft resolution by Palestine reflecting cooperation between itself, the Holy See and Israel was submitted, but was unable to reach the floor before the expiration of a limit of debate on the relevant topic area. A majority of the time being given to discussion of resolution 2nd/II/5. The resolution, amended with a vote of 53/5/36, passed with

three minutes left within limit of debate set for topic area 1, science and technology for development, by a placard vote of 82/7/15.

The topic was then changed to the Follow-up to the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis, as well as Its Impact on Development. Initially, resolutions were being written by Georgia, Cameroon and Brazil. Draft resolution 2nd/II/1 by Georgia was the first to be brought to the floor and debated. The resolution, as de-

scribed by Representative Nicholas Vander Heuvel of Georgia, was meant to be broad and "measures that Georgia took to develop itself [...] and the basic economic plan to pull itself out recession." After the afternoon break, the representatives returned to draft resolution 2nd/II/1. The Committee adjourned debate on the Resolution and the moved to the next draft resolution 2nd/II/2, by Lithuania.

PROFILE: DYNAMIC DUO-ARGENTINA AND GUATEMALA ON SC

By Stefani Schmidt
Security Council

Two Latin American member states were doing their part to further negotiations in the Security Council.

Argentina and Guatemala have both been main contributors on the three resolutions that the Security Council has considered so far.

While they have worked with the other Council Members, they have also forged a bond together as the only two Latin American

states in the Security Council. "Our styles vibe really well together," Representative Sami Ghani of Argentina said.

Despite Latin American states not being traditionally associated with the Security Council, the representation choice was a good one for both Guatemala and Argentina.

"Latin America is so effective because [we] focus on regional issues," Representative Eric Sippert of Guatemala said.

The area is also made up of for-

mer colonies and current developed and developing countries, according to Representative Sippert.

The amount of moderating and speaking each country historically does are also positives to them.

"Argentina is really vocal on a lot of issues and so am I," Representative Ghani said.

They are also each others' number-one partners within the Council.

"We're ready to work together," Representative Ghani said.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TAKES MORE THAN FOUR DAYS...

By Haleema Shah
ECLAC

The Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) passed draft resolution ECLAC/II/5 during its evening session on Monday.

The draft resolution, similar to the resolution passed on Sunday night, was on sustainable development and human settlements, and called on Member States to implement infrastructure and biodiversity initiatives that would protect citizens from natural disasters.

While Member States, such as Brazil voted in favor of the resolution, reservations

were still expressed about it.

Brazilian Representative Nathan Peereboom said the resolution needed to be discussed further, and had said the same the night before regarding Resolution ECLAC I/1.

"What I'm opposed to, is the pattern this committee is taking," Representative Peereboom said, noting that ECLAC had voted on resolutions that have not been discussed in enough detail.

Fellow Brazilian Representative Miriam Bial said that ECLAC resolutions have been consistently non-effective.

"The past resolutions are non-offensive," she said. "They don't

contradict [other policy] because they don't do very much."

While Brazil did support the resolution despite reservations, Member States such as Jamaica and The Republic of Korea, who were initially involved with the resolution building process, abstained from voting.

"I didn't feel comfortable voting "yes" or "no," because I feel that we hadn't talked about it," said a Representative from Jamaica.

ECLAC continued its discussion on the report on sustainable development and human resettlement Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

CREATING AWARENESS IN GA FIRST

By Erin Sullentrup
GA First Committee

The General Assembly First Committee passed Resolution 1st/II/6 Monday with four amendments. Written by Iran, Kenya, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Equatorial Guinea, this was the only resolution passed before beginning discussion of the Committee's second topic, Problems Arising from the Accumulation of Conventional Ammunition Stockpiles in Surplus. Representative David Harris of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedo-

nia said, "We are very happy that it passed. We think it is the first step toward a safer Middle East."

South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo authored Resolution 1st/II/1. Representative Kristen Ann Hathaway of South Sudan said, "We need awareness of the issue. It is a multi-faceted issue that can't be addressed by one resolution."

Representative Isaac Straub of Venezuela, who co-authored Resolution 1st/II/4 with the Syrian Arab Republic, said, "[Our] resolution is working in conjunc-

tion with [GA First/II/1] because we have similar goals...We feel the body is strongly behind both [resolutions]." Representative Mason Bracken of the Syrian Arab Republic further explained, "The other resolution focuses on disposal, and ours would prevent non-state actors from getting a hold of ammunition stockpiles."

Collaboration between representatives is apparent. There are several draft resolutions, and multiple representatives have been signatories for more than one draft resolution.

ICJ DELIVERS OPINION & BEGINS DELIBERATION ON NEW CASE

By Zachary Hausle
International Court of Justice

The International Court of Justice ruled by a vote of 13-2 with a dissenting opinion Monday evening that a 1975 treaty between Argentina and Uruguay regarding the use of the River Uruguay did not prohibit the construction of two pulp mills by the Uruguayan government on the River. The Court determined that Uruguay met the standard of notification and consent required by the 1975 treaty, both by making

documents publicly available and working with the joint commission between the two Member States on the use of the waterway.

Argentina expressed displeasure with the opinion, but looked forward to working with Uruguay and the international community to more clearly articulate standards of notification on the use of the shared resource.

The Court also began to consider a request for an advisory opinion on the legality of the Republic of Kosovo's 2008

declaration of independence.

Advocates for Iran and Serbia strongly emphasized the importance of territorial sovereignty, particularly under the international standard established by the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. In rebuttal, the advocates for Kosovo and Ireland emphasized the freedom of Kosovo to secede due to the lack of prevailing international law on the subject, as well as the need for a just outcome of the legal dispute.

PRESS CONFERENCES CONTINUED

*Palestinian Authority -
GA First Committee*

Representatives from Palestine held a press conference before the International Press Delegation regarding their work with other states to pass a resolution through the General Assembly Plenary that would make Palestine a full Member State of the United Nations. Representatives Andrew Martinez and Trent Varva of Palestine declared that a vast majority of states acknowledge Palestine as a state already and they urge the Security Council to pass the resolution should it reach them. This resolution comes after the Security Council vetoed a resolution that would have started discussion on this topic, according to Representative Varva.

Topics Agenda Concerns

GA Third

The Third Committee continued to discuss topic area one, Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

However, this decision caused much disagreement with a number of representatives, with representatives from the Philippines, Mexico, Zimbabwe and Uruguay saying that doing so showed "unequal considerations of resolutions" they saw as unfair to their fellow delegates.

Representative Jordy Barry of Ecuador stated, "This rush to topic area one has left topic area two, Rights of the child, unfulfilled and lacking."

GA THIRD WORK- ING TO THE WIRE

By Elizabeth Schmidtberger
Third Committee

Committee Feature

During last night's debates in the Third Committee, representatives went back and forth between topic areas one and two.

The discussion was finally closed and the Committee settled on topic area two. Representatives focused on Resolution 3rd/II/1, which focused on "recognizing the importance of the long term effects of child education systems [...]" and highlights the idea of providing a good education for children and "encourages appropriate funding be allowed by United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee to the programs previously stated at their discretion [...]"

The representatives of the Third Committee were anxiously waiting to speak as to the terms of this resolution and were hoping to pass it. Early Tuesday morning, the General Assembly Combined Plenary opened to discuss many resolutions that will either be considered on the floor today. Representatives from the Third Committee expressed hope that their resolution would be passed and used effectively to help with children's education.