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BREAKING NEWS FROM THE UNSC...

Compared to yesterday's events, today's delegates received an incoming crisis from Boko Haram, stating that they have removed the Security Council's UK delegate and demand two shivering things:

- All refugee girls who have left the country to be returned for punishment;
- That all western education institutions and religious missionaries in Africa be terminated

The UNSC, determined and shocked, joined the Refugee Agency to discuss, detect and debate the dreadful situation. The delegations split into groups and discussed. In some cases, the discussions were like water and oil, with some delegates offering peaceful and practical solutions while others proposed violent and ferocious answers for the situation in which they found themselves. Countries were threatened with three escalating steps:



- Economic Sanctions
- UN Membership Loss
- Military Back-up

Even so, all delegates were determined and passionate: 'if you fight, we'll fight back,' etc. Chairs, just checking up on everything, made sure that all delegates understood that: "This is not a detective mystery story. The UN does not do that." (Chair). Soon after, the council returned to their original topic and they were once again rudely interrupted by Boko Haram. It was an eyeopening and challenging afternoon with a mixture of passion and sarcasm. The delegate of France, in engaging the spirit of the affair, exclaimed: "Vive Le France!" after being 'personally offended' by another delegate. In addition to the threats to world instability, personal pronouns were also used in this committee: the MUN can solve many things but the personal pronoun issue is the most tricky.

Stellar Saturdays are truly the best!









Environmental Committee

Today, after the blizzard of yesterday, it seemed appropriate to discuss our second topic: "Climate Change Mitigation."

HOWEVER, being too committed to solving environmental issues to be fazed by the disappearance of delegates in the crisis earlier that day, delegates launched themselves into tackling the more important issue at hand: discussing climate change mitigation.

"Shade?" a chair was quoted in saying, "We're just not up for tans."

Perhaps there is reward for bravery as China, the first to present their resolution, received applause as theirs was passed—even with a slight resistance from a handful of unyielding delegates. Amidst giggles and fiery responses through the discussion, the delegate of Iran unwittingly spouted a most remarkable statement, perhaps induced by tiredness: "I yield the chairs back to the floor."

Sadly, the second resolution submitted by Saudi Arabia fell on deaf ears. Fellow delegates tore through the resolution and ultimately three clauses were struck in the journey of voting it null and void: welcome to the labyrinthine process of the United Nations. "Shout-outs" to both the supporting and opposing sides for standing ground admirably.

In a successful attempt to cheer everyone up and cool the blood of our most passionate speakers, the "Gossip Box" was brought out twice. To tease you: only one thing of the "moste secrete and holie" dares shall be shared: one of our chairs rapped a magnificent educational rendition of Nicki Minaj's infamous "Anaconda." Her identity? Maybe she will start a career under the pseudonym "Sichi" in the future...

By Lena Stefan







ECOSOC Council

With everyone tired from the fervent debates yesterday and an exuberant snowball fight at Hanul Lui Manuc where many left the restaurant freezing with icicles hanging from their noses, delegates were drowsy in the morning; but gained momentum as they vigorously delivered their opening speeches on the topic of "Sustainable Industrialisation" and threw themselves headlong into lobbying.

Waiting for the resolutions to be approved, delegates resolved to teach each other words and phrases in their respective native languages such as: "Hello" or "How are you?" Other phrases translated are too explicit to be included. For example; "there is a blue moon in Moscow" which apparently means: "det finns en bla mane I Moskva" and is extremely insulting in Sweden.

The groups formed during the lobbying sessions were the same groups that worked together to support their own resolutions and attempt to annihilate another country's. Brutus and Caesar would have been proud of the back-stabbing POI action. This caused some delegates to stutter while vocalising their ideas and responding to POI's, but after 3 more hours in the ECOSOC Council, these "nitpickings" were forgotten; the ECOSOC Council presented a clear remit on how to deliver sustainable industrialisation.

By Victor Popa





Human Rights Committee



"Ensuring that human rights are respected in the activities of transnational corporations."

The delegates of the Human Rights Committee began the third day's schedule strongly. First, they watched a informa-

tive video on the duty of governments and businesses to ensure human rights are respected in the workplace, followed by the delegates presenting their opening speeches. "The delegation of Brazil would like to work with the other delegations in order to support human rights in transnational corporations."

A few minutes of disorientation then... two hours of lobbying. The HR Committee later encountered a crisis involving the world-famous TNC: Nike and the scandal on human trafficking, miserable wages, and working conditions that the company apparently endorses.

Following "The Fall of the Table" incident in the Refugee Agency caused by the delegate of France on Day 2, the HR Committee had also experienced the same catastrophic furniture issue, caused by the HR Committee's delegate of France; this is already raising a few eyebrows. "The delegate just pushed their chair back and the table fell over." Coincidence? I think not.

During lobbying, six delegations detected a very mysterious paragraph in their Google Docs document. The delegate of USA described it as "a random paragraph, in English, making no sense at all." 'The Anonymous Camel' made its presence known but did not jeopardise the delegates' work.

Subsequent to a satisfying lunch, the delegates jumped back once again into a fierce debate; the delegation of Mexico submitted a resolution to the question of implementation of human rights in TNCs. Amendments ensued, Japan and USA vociferous. There was a huge wave of POIs asked and eventually the first resolution passed, while the second was delayed for the next day; or maybe next year.

The whole session concluded when the chairs read out the dares submitted during the discussion which ended up in singing, moonwalking, and a priceless impersonation of Donald Trump.

By Ioana Balan



Refugee Agency

Moving onto the second resolution, things were going swiftly, until the Russian delegate was snatched. Soon we learned that the delegate of the UK in Security Council had been kidnapped as well by the Boko Haram. While the committee was still absorbing all the information, the mighty Security Council stepped in...

Both committees were then informed that the kidnapped delegate of the UK had been gruesomely demoted. Not long after, the delegate of France from Security Council, exclaimed: "SEND OUT FOUR BAGUETTES!" Which was a contrasting point of view to that of the Refugee Agency's France, who did not believe in pastry abuse.

Delegates of the USA, from both committees, were more involved than ever, displaying their extended knowledge regarding the topic. They wrote up their resolution together with the delegates of Congo and Uruguay to name a few. Meanwhile, Venezuela and Iran were constructing missions to retrieve the delegates of Russia and Greece; (who had also been kidnapped.) A hostage situation is always a period of tension, which manifested itself by the delegates raiding Mentos jars and stuffing them into their pockets.

The committee came closer together as the welcoming chairs wrote down the delegates' social media usernames to ensure further contact after the MUN conference; (is there life after MUN?)

Afterwards we had another round of games and the "Gossip Box," in which most delegates had an honourable mention and even the note passer was called a "cutie" (Leo and his lil' bow-tie!) Following the morning crisis, the Refugee Agency refrained from debating the resolution. The delegate of Congo did not let anything faulty pass by in resolutions and confirmed they were clear. Together with sensible observations raised by the UK and Greece, and vigorous debating from the rest of the committee, the well-thought out resolution of France was successful: everyone will pay tax like they do in Sweden.

By Milena Vergara



80's: "Rave, Dance and Daze!"



The first thing to be seen when a delegate arrived at the party was, perhaps, the lead of the press team running over to gush about how much she loved their outfits. When this ritual was completed, everyone seated themselves—who would also become their teams in the upcoming quiz—at tables spread out across the room. Soon... Ozone, Eurowave, Wham Bam, Byron Lads began to appear and we were ready for the quiz.

To keep this brief: had the teachers' team still been in the running, they would have won. However, since the student teams loudly voted in favour of the suggested motion to oblite-rate the teachers' team's win (with the sub-clause and amendment that teachers should be further disqualified for failure to use the innovation of a mobile phone device to assist their research), ISA took the trophy home. Honourable mentions go to BSB's "Blood Gang" team in second place as well as IBSB's "Ozone" team in third.

At this age, most of the excitement is in winning the game and eating the food; a fact especially noted when people rather literally rushed in hordes to the buffet, once opened. Of course, a lot of attention was also directed to the photo booth where many posed for lovely souvenir photos.

A gaggle of soulful dancers busted out brilliant moves on the dance floor and a dance battle was even in order. Maybe, had the circumstances been different, the party would have gone on until sunrise (that's a lie, everyone was too knackered).

Kudos to BSB and the many other schools for their "onpoint" outfits. Keyword of the day is: "mullet."

By Lena Stefan

Safe journeys home, We'll miss you all!



Yesterday's Events

- Second day of sessions.
- Security council crisis!
- Thematic Party

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Today's Events

- Last day of sessions.
- General Assembly and UNSC.
- Closing Ceremony and goodbyes.

















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