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Opening Ceremony of Munom 2023

by Leonore Luchies and Chiara Cernilogar

“Possibility to work hard, make good memories, and party hard! ... But responsibly” – Mr. Duggen

Today started off with an opening ceremony in the conference room, in which members of the board of directors, members of executive staff, guest speakers, and a representative of the EPO held their speeches. Everyone used their time to thank everyone for attending, and especially thanking the executive staff, board of direction, and Jasper Nederbragt.

The opening ceremony started with a short speech from the President and Vice President, who showed a short video celebrating 20 years of Munom. The video consisted of an interview with old members of the executive staff, who talked about what they learned from their experience in participating in Munom, they gave advice to the current members of the executive staff, and talked about the ongoing ad-staff hate, on which opinions varied.



Next, the director of the ESM Anton Hrovath gave his speech. He started out by welcoming all the guests to Munom 2023, and stating how he is honored to be hosting this year’s conference again. He thanked the teachers and the organizers, especially Jasper Nederbragt, praising him for his commitment as director, expertise, consistency, and dedication. In addition, he also thanked Mr. Waedt, Mr. Heradez, Ms. Banatte Schuster, and the MUN directors and EPO for their support. He mentioned the HSS, thanking them for giving them the ability to host the conference, and thanked students for participating. Finally, he discussed this year’s topic being *“Securing human rights in the pursuit of international security and economic stability”*, and how in many parts of the world human rights are pushed aside to prioritize the country’s economic development. He hopes there will be exciting debates and well-developed resolutions, and finally ends his speech with *“Long live Munom 2023 and have fun.”*



The next speech was given by Martin Duggen, The director of the high school ESM. He said he is proud to be able to host Munom again this year, and talked about the importance of fighting with arguments, and not weapons, stating that the debates are not about the topics, but about the debate and quality of arguments itself.

After that, the representative of EPO, Cornelia

Peuser, affirms how patents confirm the ownership over our innovations and therefore assess our individual rights. Moreover, we can use the rewards to develop new inventions, consequently leading to economic development. Thereupon she defines patents as a way to thrive and to further develop the countries development. Lastly, she wishes all the participants a great time.

Jasper Nederbragt, the “*founding father of Munom*” speeches about the history of Munom and his experiences. He talked about how he and a group of 7 enthusiastic students decided to start their own conference after attending

THIMUN in The Hague, after which the first conference ended up taking place in 2014, consisting of 89 delegates. Nederbragt showed all past executive teams, and again empathized the importance of this team.

The next was Christian Waedt, who gave a speech as representative of the Board of Directors. He mentioned the trip to UNIDO in Vienna for the members of the executive staff, where they met Gerd Müller to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Munom and gain insights into the work of UNIDO.

Lastly, the secretary general Ivàn Timmermans thanked all the teachers and students that helped organizing the 2023 conference. He especially thanked the ad-staff, remembering how many years ago he sat right where they did, listening to the speech of the secretary general, never imagining he would one day be giving that speech himself. He continued by stating how students that actually care, and don't just stand in the sidelines but actually take part in society, are the future, and how having people that think for themselves is crucial. He concluded by addressing the difficult situation in Israel, that sadly didn't get to participate this year, and finished off by telling the audience to always make their voice heard and

fight for what they believe in.



All in all, the opening ceremony was filled with inspirational speeches given by several individuals responsible for organizing the entire conference. They mentioned the history of 20 years of Munom and thanked members of the Executive Staff, Ad Staff, and other members crucial for the existence of Munom.

GA 6

First Step to heavenly Resolutions or Gate to infernal Debates?

By **Serena Roberti and Sofia Mezzaroma**

The 20th year of Munom makes for a rather interesting start: right off the bat, as delegates lobby around waiting for the ceremony to start, we see the chair of GA6 engaging in her first social encounter with both GA6 delegates, Belgium, and China. We find the delegate of China, clearly of East Asian heritage, wondering if the MUN directors' choice to assign him this specific country may have been racially motivated. This was followed by an intriguing "guess-my-nationality" game, where the chair had difficulties guessing which state the delegate of China was from. Turns out, after about ten different guesses, he is South Korean and practices his ancestral hate towards the state he's representing. Will this lead him to purposely sabotage China during debates?!

After the ceremony, we witness what appears to be another friendly encounter between the chair of GA6 and delegates of China and Belgium. Now, you'd probably expect us to finally mention a politically based discussion serving the purpose of the delegates sucking up to the boss (as should be), right? Well, this can't be further from the truth. These two seem to have a passion for procrastinating: within the period of only 5 minutes, China and Belgium have managed to completely leave our beloved Chair in a state of shock, by the simple question "Who even are Chase Atlantic and Cigarettes after Sex?" (PS: Hit the chair up if you listen to either of these). However, they did share compassionate love for Joji, so somehow they did still manage to get in their good graces. Moving on from the band

discussion, our two delegates have put their heart and soul into writing a beautiful poem, and we quote:

*"Arrival of the autumn leaves,
Blessed by their golden hue,
Thine eyes hath never seen gold as beautiful as
these".*

Seems like our dear delegates just love doing everything apart from their actual job, right? In all seriousness though, we may have found ourselves two young talents in not only politics, but poetry!

Meanwhile, two young gentlemen, who are actually devoted to their job, the delegate of Poland and the delegate of Netherlands, have a heated discussion on the legalization of class A drugs: although Poland has never read the Netherlands' resolutions, he states that they are wrongly motivated. Is this driven by prejudice towards the country? Are we witnessing a possible "enemies to lovers" or are they just getting ready to rip each other's heads off?

Another fact we believe to be worth mentioning is your fellow journalists of GA6, that being us, quite literally running to deliver you this article, while our press co-worker from GA1 thought it adequate to arrive a fashionably three and a half hours late. "Give a girl the right pair of shoes, and she can conquer the world" might not be the best saying for two journalists in action, especially as one of us fell flat on the ground while running. Looks like, just as delegates of China and Belgium, he did not live up to Mr. Duggen's expectations of "working hardy hard" – then again he wasn't there to witness his speech.

We, as your humble journalists, believe this week to hold a lot of potential for juicy drama, gossip, romance, and perhaps heartbreaks. If you don't consider this article to be entertaining, feel free to either start drama or deliver it yourself, or both.

GA1

The conflicts in Ethiopia becoming an American and Chinese matter

by Gustavo Sauerer Aviles

MunoM 2023 is already off to an interesting start in GA1. Although the insurgencies in Ethiopia should be one of the three main topics to discuss, world powers such as the United States and China have once again entered the spotlight. Heated arguments between the two have triggered the interest of and amused other delegations.

What has happened: the resolution of China had been clearly designed to provoke and criticise Western nations, with an emphasis on the United States, who seems to have been deeply hurt by this call-out, which, so the delegate states “is a completely false accusation”. The delegate has denied being involved militarily in any way - the United States have been, so he declares, “only intervening because they do not want Eritrea to violate human rights, by raping citizens and plundering villages in Ethiopia”.

Most delegations have not been convinced by this statement, but have however, been leaning more towards the position of China, which has been able to get their resolution co-submitted by countries including the UK and Iran. China has been playing the victim card, which seems to be paying off, given other countries’ high support. The delegation has been complaining about the distribution of power in the world, even though, as pointed out by the U.S., they currently hold veto power in the Security Council.

Nonetheless, there have been positive turns in GA1. Most delegations seem to be in favour of

peacekeeping talks and sending humanitarian aid (which includes financial funds), with some, like the delegation of Australia, even being willing to send military aid if needed. Israel is also in favour of establishing diplomatic relations between both parties, as it has been of great geopolitical importance for Ethiopia. Iran on the other hand, does not want to intervene in any way, and thus remains neutral.

Debates tomorrow will show how much the opinions of the delegations actually differ and if agreements can be reached. Heads up to the Chairs of GA1 though, keeping the delegations of the United States and China in check does not seem to become an easy task.



ECOSOC 2*So far so good: Contentment in ECOSOC 2***By Milan Rooney and Konstantinos Kotselidis**

The first day started, tension was rising, and the lobbying had officially begun. Not even ten minutes in and we were already hearing about alliances forming and social affairs in the making. The selected topics within ECOSOC2 are being discussed between delegates and committees. The members of ECOSOC2 agreed to our interviews and their answers gave us insight into how they are operating.

We asked the delegates on their current state of affairs and how they were working, in response we got an understanding of what the different nations resolutions are.

France and the UK have been searching for a resolution for the ongoing problem of the spread of radicalism through media its effect on minors. Whereas Thailand, Philippines Belgium and Spain, are all trying to rethink the varying justice systems to avoid prejudiced decisions.



When asking the delegates how motivated they were, and the representative of Sudan was keen to answer, expressing their joy to be participating in Munom, while also making sure to note how their hotel is “supreme”. This was a commonly recurring theme within our interviews, each denoted satisfaction to joining our model UN and visiting Munich as a whole. Most of the delegates also stated that they had had a

good co-operation with the other students up to this point. But we asked further and not everything is as it seems. Some of the delegates seem to be having a few problems with others and not everything is as peaceful as some would think.

Throughout our interviewing we noted some dynamics within the delegation's leadership. Philippines has shown their interest in being the committees default leader, however Venezuela has exhibited enthusiasm in doing the same.

Apart from the various resolutions stated, we also overheard interesting political discussions coming from within ECOSOC3's committee, such as Indonesia's very interesting political proposal to engage in human trafficking and take homeless people from other countries to solve its political crisis with few jobs. Surprisingly, however, the delegates of South Africa and Israel gave their approval to Indonesia's plan. Clearly ECOSOC3 is the place to be.

In total, the first day of Munom was a great success for the members of ECOSOC2. All of the spoken to delegates have already had a lot of fun and only one delegate has expressed a dislike of their situation.

SECURITY COUNCIL*Commencement of debates,
allyship and secrets***By Natasha Ratcliffe**

As the leaves change colour and the temperature drops to an uncomfortable 11°C, along comes our beloved annual Munom conference. Bustling hordes of suit wearing go-getters eagerly debate the multitude of problems plaguing our world.

One major issue that is disrupting the entire Security Council, is the missing gavel. Although it seems only press have noticed this disgraceful turn of events, our complaints will be heard.

I would also just like to start off this week with a (short) sentiment of appreciation for the hard working Ad-Staff. You may be hated by many, but listen to the voices of the few that love you.

Now back to the real matter at hand; Security Council. Although there are a couple of timid first-timers, a few very loud and opinionated delegates have already asserted themselves as potential powerful threats, namely China, Ukraine and Russia. However none come close to the sheer might that journalists hold, as captured perfectly by one delegate asking us if he “should be intimidated”. The answer, dear readers, is yes.

Tuesday’s debates have been somewhat fruitful, some notable moments being the expected clash between Russia and Ukraine, the absolutely appallingly high number of personal pronouns used and subsequent lack of punishments given out.

Remember to read the newspaper every day. You never know, we could write about you next.



ECOSOC 3***Hot gossip in ECOSOC*****by Isabel de Bruyn**

During the first day of MunoM, the delegates of ECOSOC were very busy lobbying and having conversations that have absolutely nothing to do with politics. So far I have heard about peoples entire family trees, Chinese soup (?), people ignoring the poor delegate of Israel (she is French), and more.

As a journalist lobbying is not my favorite activity, so instead I am going to write about the gossip. Thankfully people have been busy writing in the gossip box, I didn't even have to beg for it.



ECOSOC 1 is very popular! I have read about three people talking about how they have crushes on someone from that committee. So apparently if you are on the hunt for some eye candy, you know where to look. Specifically the delegate from Saudi Arabia, who was the subject in multiple notes from the gossip box. I have heard from very trustable sources that there might be a romance blossoming between a certain chair from ECOSOC 2 and a girl that I have yet to identify... I will be on the lookout.

Now I know that here at MunoM we are supposed to promote peace, yet I would really like some drama to go down. So do not be shy, be as messy as possible.

GA 2

Carlos, the first Pro-Staff in Munom history

by Eleni Simeonidou

The day has come, Munom has finally started! All delegates are ready to lobby, discuss, and debate each theme their committee has. Everyone is nervous but so excited for the next few days of the conference.

Interestingly, a new position in Munom history was acquired this year, and that is the first ever ProStaff! Not only are we celebrating 20 years of Munom conferences, but now new history is being made with the next.

Carlos de Bernabé Toscano is an S5 student who is honored to represent the position of Pro-Staff this year. His job is basically to be a part of the Administrative Staff, but he solely works for the Executive Staff. He helps and is always near them, if they need something he is always there for them. Let's hope that Carlos does his job well and does not embarrass and disappoint the Executive Staff. So far he's been doing his job diligently, and if all goes well, he'll stay in the good books of the Executive Staff.



Everyone thinking of applying as Ad-Staff next year has the possibility to become an elite member of the Pro-Staff.

20 years of Munom

As we all know, today was the first day of Munom, but it isn't only that... Today all Munom participants of all years are celebrating the 20th anniversary! Our guests were the Director of the European School, Anton Hrovath, our director of the European High school, Martin Duggen, and an EPO representative.



And to honour this special day the Founder of Munom, Jasper Nederbragt held a noteworthy presentation that received a standing ovation. He is the reason we can have this conference and discuss important issues that also give students from all over the world real skills.

SECURITY COUNCIL

Childish statements in the Security Council

by Tom Passier

It's the first day of MunoM and also the first day in Security Council. And it went straight into action.

The first topic/debate was about recognising the rising international tension arising from the threat and use of nuclear warheads and the potential for their deployment as tools of coercion, with an understanding of the imperative to achieve and uphold global peace and security.

The first amendment was from the delegate of Ukraine and said the following thing: "The number of nuclear and/or nuclear warheads should be reduced to today's half of its number." On which the delegate of China replied: "I think its childish, because Ukraine is trying to protect the US' nuclear arsenal for their own interest." With China stating this comment, a lot of eyebrows were raised within the room, especially by the delegation of Ukraine.

There were a couple of notable quotes made by the delegates of Russia and China:

"The microwave was discovered by accident, in attempt to make discoveries in other fields"

- Russia

"The United States can destroy the whole planet with the press of one button" "its common sense that no nation should have the power to destroy the earth"

-China



GA 2

*New topic on the agenda:
Ronaldo and Messi*

By Bruno Drabko

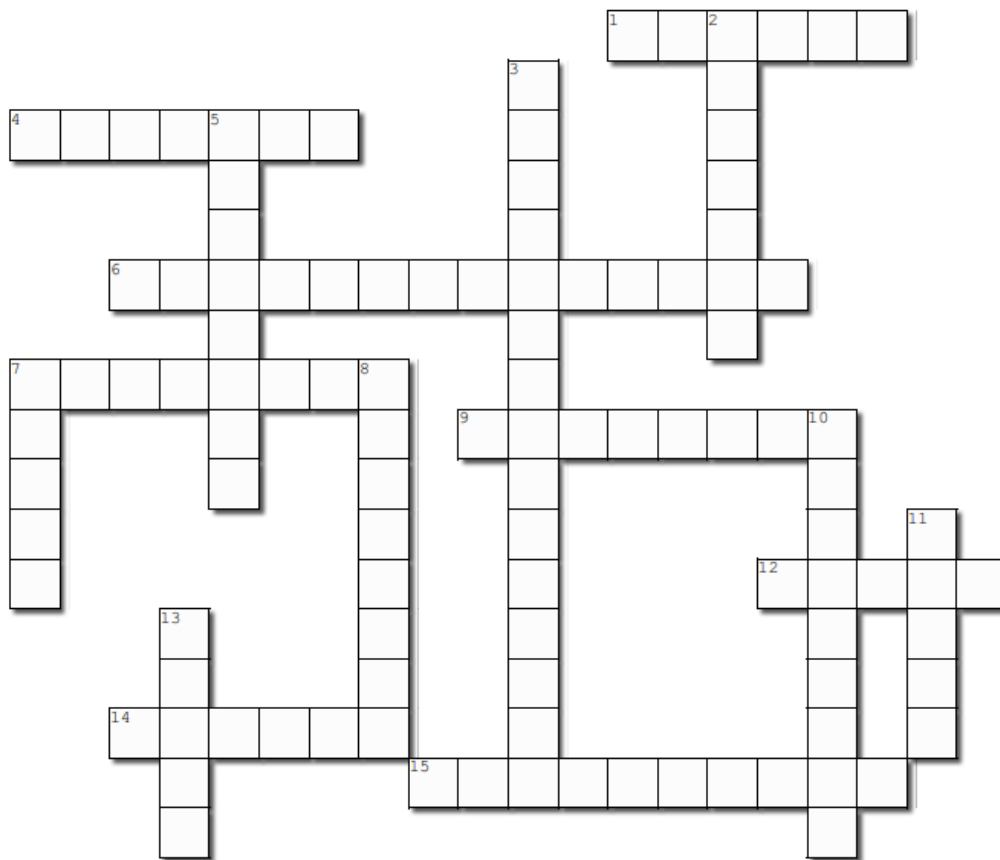
What could the debaters be talking about ? How did they prepare ? I will give you an insight from the perspective of the representatives of Vietnam, Venezuela and Germany in GA 2.

In general, they researched and prepared a lot in order to do less today, so they discussed other topics that weren't necessarily related to Munom from what I could hear. Some conversations were interesting, instead of debating about countries and their politics as they usually do, they decided to talk about Ronaldo and Messi today, possibly the 2 best footballers of all time.

The representatives of the countries were clearly all on Ronaldo's side. The delegate of Venezuela said that Messi might be better but Ronaldo's style of play is much more fun to watch. He also said that Messi undeservedly won best player of the year – the ballon d'or. The representative from Vietnam was clearly on Ronaldo's side and sometimes insulted Messi. The delegate of Germany said that she doesn't watch football but sees edits of the two. Based on these, she said that Ronaldo is better and also more attractive. One of the male delegates agreed with this.

At the end they discussed the opening speech – one of the delegates who was already at Munom last year expressed that this year's speech was much better, the delegate of Vietnam said 'it started off a bit weak but ended really strong and inspiring', he also criticised the clothes of the men, which he said were much more unpleasant to wear than those of the girls.





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Across

- 1. 'Honourable _____, fellow delegates'
- 4. 'Pursuing a cooperative future between democracies internationally to uphold _____ under threat.'
- 6. Students organising the conference
- 7. 'Please raise your _____ high and now'
- 9. Time when delegates write resolutions together
- 12. Rhymes with tissue
- 14. Situation that all the delegates of all councils need to discuss
- 15. Written plans on how to deal with certain issues

Down

- 2. People who pass notes
- 3. People who lead committees and the debate
- 5. Represents a country, debates important issues
- 7. _____ team, best team
- 8. Are not allowed during the conference
- 10. Place where inappropriate notes end up
- 11. Best MUN conference
- 13. Event happening on Thursday night

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