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Day 2: Drama, Debates, Downfall



*Debates aren't the only thing
getting heated...*

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GA 1

Interview with Germany and USA, discussing Afghanistan

by Manuel Höhn

“The US has decided to deal with this crisis in a more diplomatic manner, without operating with their military inside the country.”

– the US president after being asked how he will deal with the Afghanistan crisis in the future.

Once the United States of America removed their troops from Afghanistan in 2021, the population of Afghanistan is stuck in a crisis - they're being terrorised and suppressed by the extreme terrorist organisation of the Taliban. During the two years of terror in the middle eastern country, over 5 million refugees escaped the Taliban regime and left the country. Today, I had the honour of meeting the president of the United States and the chancellor of Germany in Munich before the Conference of first General Assembly Committee. I first asked the leaders how they feel about the refugees from Afghanistan.



“The USA is very concerned about these refugees and they think that the Taliban regime is doing a bad job at providing a better future for the country, since they retook the control in August

2021 the country has been drastically deteriorated” – Clearly, the USA leaving Afghanistan was the reason for the Taliban taking the control, so it's obvious that they have to explain their opinion on the consequences of the Taliban regime. I asked the German leader if he is happy with having 450.000 refugees in their country, his response was very heart-warming: “Germany is always happy to help refugees in need, with humanitarian aid or if needed to welcome them with open arms.”

Many people might have the feeling that the United States could feel like it's their fault what's happening in Afghanistan. So, I asked him if he guilty for what's happening there, after they removed their stationed troops from Afghanistan. He told me that the USA is aware that the situation in Afghanistan was better before, but this over 20 yearlong war has dramatically affected the families of many US soldiers who have passed away. I understand that the American soldiers' lives are more important to the USA than Afghan people, which is kind of egoistic. When I asked the German chancellor how he sees the future of Afghanistan he told me that he is sure that if Afghanistan would be freed from the Taliban, they would have a bright future.

In my opinion, these two handsome men have everything under control, and will help Afghanistan to become a great country as it once was, making the refugees want to go back to their home when it's possible to have a good life in Afghanistan again.

GA 4

War in your home Country?

By Bruno Drabko

First the world suffered with the news of the Ukraine war, now news of the Palestine-Israel conflict is spreading like wildfire. More and more warfare has broken out in recent years. Is it only a matter of time before it reaches our home countries? I asked a few people from GA4, how they would feel and react if a war was impending on their home country. They came up with some quite thrilling answers.

“China would never get attacked by another country; they would make any other countries disappear” said the representative from Brazil about his native country. He admires a famous quote from Confucius: “ To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order”.



Both the delegate from the Netherlands and from Belgium, who each live in their corresponding countries, claimed they would sensibly flee from their attacked countries with their families.

Every other person who resides in a foreign

country declared that they would of course take in their relatives and support them in any way possible. One person, the representative of Belgium, decided they would even help their country with charities, then went on to make the brave statement that they would also post about the situation on social media. It’s great to have heroes, like the delegate of Belgium, in these times of darkness.



It is terrible to imagine a war in your own country and therefore difficult to answer the question posed, in general it would be a rather sad and frustrating situation.

I think we all wish for all the conflicts and wars in the world to end, yet they exist, sometimes affecting us, sometimes not, however all important.

To cheer up the atmosphere i present you the quotes from the delegates of GA 4 about their country.

Quotes of the day

Delegate of Afghanistan:

“hope can endure even in the face of adversity.”

Delegate of China:

“China will always remain the builder of world peace, a contributor to global development, and

upholder of international order.”

Delegate of Egypt:

“aliens did not build our pyramids.”

Delegate of France:

“Every man has two countries - his own and France.”

Delegate of Myanmar:

“It is not power that corrupts but fear.”

Delegate of Italy:

“You may have the world if I may have Italy.”

Delegate of the Syrian Arab Republic:

“We, in Syria, our point of view stems from our experience.”

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GA 6

*Honourable chairs,
distinguished delegates,
HARDWORKING ad-staff*

by Sofia Mezzaroma and Serena Roberti

New dawn, new day, in all this chaos let your favourite press team lead the way. This morning, five delegates broke the rules and arrived late, and, although they were considered undisciplined animals at first, they earned the chairs' respect back by giving us, according to the chair, "the most iconic punishment" she has ever seen. In fact, you people should thank us two for coming up with the idea of recreating Victoria's Secret fashion show (with clothes on). Our beloved delegate of China sang 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift while the other four delegates cat walked. The highlight of the punishment was not the walk itself as none of the delegates gave us a Naomi Campbell performance, but rather China's impeccable execution. Although he could work on his singing skills, he did not miss one single word and earned infinite bonus points when he started stripping.



Somehow, after witnessing China turning up the heat in the room, Poland was inspired to start a completely off topic philosophical discussion. The topic?: "At which age would you like to die?". We

are glad to see that Poland does not fear his fellow delegates as much as the press. As a matter of fact, he seems to avoid engaging in any conversations with us journalists, and stays as far away as possible from the gossip box.

Today was the day: The chairs of GA6 officially declared the debate to be in session. First runner up, the discussion of the implementation of class A drugs. As the chosen resolution was Argentina's, the representing delegate was called upon to take the lead in the debate. Problem was, he accomplished to do this in the most unfathomable way possible. Even worse, the honourable chair could not assist him in this underwhelming procedure, as her aback taking, yet elegant, voice cracks have previously praised the room with (beautiful) screeches (PS, don't shoot the messenger). As the debate continues, we find our delegates passionately engaging in the matter at hand, contemporarily being busy taking advantage of our beloved ad staff by confusing them with their personal Lieferando for other committees. Special shoutout to Argentina, China, Poland, Belgium, Singapore, and USA for showing the most dedication and actually being active in the debate, instead of leaving us in an otherwise inescapable state of insufferable boredom. No shade to the majority.

Whilst everyone is feverishly invested in discussing Argentina's resolution, one delegate has decided to pull the "I'm just different" card and start beefing with his school's assistant director. This very same delegate was also caught playing video games on his computer, which clearly explains why he did not raise his placard once and had absolutely no reaction whatsoever to our deputy chair asking whether anyone wanted gummy bears. *Dear delegate, is our MunoM committee perhaps boring you?* If you are in need for motivational assistance, please turn to our legend of delegates, China, for they'd surely be glad to teach you their majestic strategies in the art of

attracting crazy punishments. And rest assured, if we catch the referred to delegate seeking amusement in the infinite kingdom of google games again, we will proceed by dropping names, or rather states.

As a final request, we beg two of our outspoken delegates to minimise their comfort zone around their hardworking chairs. Delegates, the scandalous waste of candy noted when distributing gummy bears glued to paper slips can no longer be tolerated.

Bonus!: Inappropriate short poems created by both the delegate of Belgium (GA6) and another delegate, who shall not be named (GA3). Enjoy, but beware, the poetical disease is spreading!

“You’re so profound and elite,
Makes me wanna massage your feet.”

“Dear chair and deputy chair,
Let me take good care,
And stuff you like a teddy bear.”

GA 2

Low involvement and bizarre arguments in the debates leading to suffering chairs

By Eleni Simeonidou and Gustavo Sauerer Aviles

On Wednesday morning, lobbying showed us that the delegates of GA2 seem to be in general agreement on the 1st and 2nd topic, which have turned out to be closely related, given the similar solutions that different resolutions have presented.

Undoubtedly, implementing fair trade and adapting its policies seem to be the way to go, given that the resolution, which was submitted by Germany, has been signed by most countries in the committee, including the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, France and the UK are hoping to strengthen their infrastructure, in addition to furthering digitalization in the country, which is also highly supported by the Canadian delegation.



Unexpected however, was the close friendship that has been established between Egypt and Russia. Both countries seem to be in perfect agreement, that funding from developed nations is essential for the evolution of the global economy, and for the fight against organized crime and terrorist organizations. Funnily enough, the

Russian delegate has stated that the country wants to “support effects on post-conflict peacebuilding.”

In the afternoon, the debate showed just how proud China still is of its accomplishments in Eritrea, virtually declaring itself as the reason of existence for the african nation. The bond between the two countries remains strong. On the other side, Canada has defended the resolution on slowing economic growth in developing countries, which had been submitted by Ukraine. The delegate of Canada set off an argument, in which he attacked the delegation of China by condemning the country on its usage of secret concentration camps, and by doing this went completely off-topic.

Despite the importance and global relevance of this issue, most delegations have unfortunately chosen not to take part in the debate, even after being deliberately asked to do so by the chairs. This led to demanding points of information from those who had not participated, and thus led to the quality of the debate rapidly decreasing. The hope for a greater involvement remains, tomorrow’s course of action will show if this can be implemented by the delegations of GA2.

SECURITY COUNCIL

Tardiness, hair opinions, and the Secretary General filling shoes

By Tom Passier

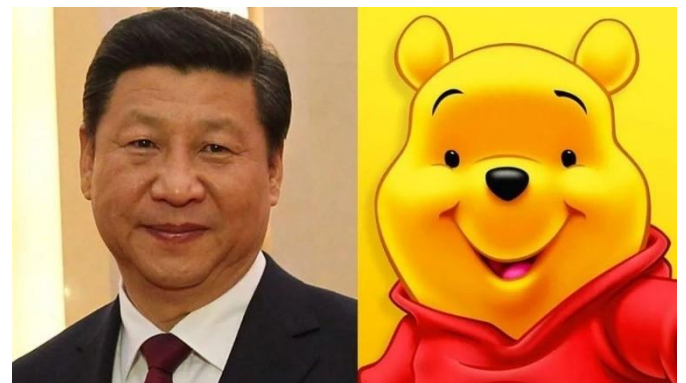
It's a new day of this year's Munom and a new day with a lot of expectation in Security Council. Unfortunately, expectation wasn't exactly met by some of the participants, as DPRK, China, United States, and last but not least... Ad-Staff (??) were all late to the session! This behaviour is definitely going to be punished by the end of the day!

After a couple of resolutions being debated, some of them passing, some of them not, I wrote a note to the delegate of Bangladesh asking what their opinion on India's haircut was, with the delegate of Bangladesh quoting: "kinda gives off 1980's serial killer vibes but idrk." And with the delegate of the US stating: "Well, we believe it has the volume and suits them very well, it seems like a wolf cut. Rating 8/10 :)"

*The delegation of India*

A hour into the session, the delegation of China still hadn't arrived! So the Secretary General, Ivan Timmermans, had to step in to take over their place. With him proudly representing the delegation of China and him also proudly eating his pretzel while proudly stating: "China does as China wants!" I also asked for his opinion on Winnie the

Pooh, (with rumours spreading that the president of China, Xi Jinping and Winnie the Pooh look alike.) The temporary delegate of China then stated: "Despicable creature. What kind of silly pee-coloured critter would get their hand stuck in a honey pot? Like smh get your hand stuck in some money right?" This statement truly made us think about the current views and opinions of poor Winnie the Pooh, a cartoon designed to bring joy to children.



On the left, Chinese president, Xi Jinping, on the right, Winnie the Pooh

Regarding yesterday's article by Natasha Ratcliffe, the Security Council president, Mees Passier, finally has a gavel in his possession, with which he asserts dominance and power within the room! The press team hope everyone in the Security Council is proud of the president for finally bringing in a gavel!

ECOSOC 3

Committee Chronicles: Eco-so-Crazy?

by Isabel de Bruyn

Delegates of Indonesia and South Sudan Unleash Unusual Business Ventures, Horse Girls Caught in the Act

During the morning hours in the best committee: ECOSOC 3, I have discovered some strange things going on with the delegates of Indonesia and South Sudan. So obviously I had to find out more.



After asking around I have come to the discovery that the delegate of Indonesia and South Sudan are asking delegates to sell their homeless people for \$100 a person. Unfortunately, this would be called human trafficking. This is ironic since human trafficking is a point of discussion in ECOSOC 3. Though I must say, it creates an interesting atmosphere. So, I tried to find the delegates and ask them if this is true, one answered: "I cannot confirm or deny this, but are you interested in selling your homeless people?". I cannot say that I wasn't a little confused, I am merely a journalist. On my mission of discovering the truth I tried looking for the other accused delegate, who I could not find. A very trustworthy source told me

he was "on a little tour of the school".

There also seems to be some tension in my committee; with "there are truly some npc's in here" being a literal quote from a delegate that I will not name.

While heading to the back of the classroom, I notice two delegates engrossed in viewing pictures of horses during lobbying hours. That is what I call some serious "horse girl" energy. I respect it. They did look busted after I warned them that I am most likely going to put it in my article. I believe they won't do it again, hence the anonymity, I'll spare them. Only this time though.



A horse picture that I hope helps catch their attention

ECOSOC 1

*“Little to nothing” to do in
ECOSOC 1*

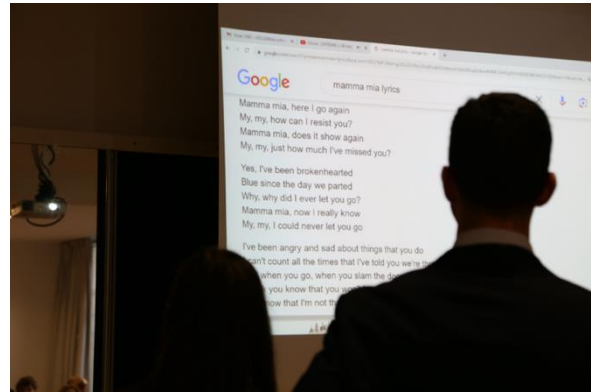
by Leonore Luchies

According to the delegate of Vietnam, ECOSOC 1 is a very “chill” committee, and everyone kind of wants the same thing, excluding some different approaches. Even according to the chair there was “Little to nothing to do” this morning. And we could especially see this in our Ad-staff. Although some Ad-staff members have found some tasks to fulfil – like bringing around water for our delegates – our “chill” committee unfortunately leads to such boredom for the three members of the Ad-Staff that resorted to putting three chairs in the back of the room, that they are currently, and have been for at least the past hour, playing sudoku, and iMessage 8 ball, as pictured below. Maybe we need to give them some more tasks to do, or maybe they would just rather play games than participate in the conference.



Another difficulty that came up today is that, as our committee has been reduced to the basement of the ESM, everyone has problems accessing any amount of Wi-Fi connection from here. Delegates have resorted to taking their devices out of the room to be able to upload their resolutions – but according to the delegate of Türkiye it’s also “more comfortable” so maybe the Wi-Fi isn’t the only problem.

During the punishments before lunch the countries of Brazil, Nigeria, Korea, and the United States needed to do their punishment. When discussing the punishment, however, the countries were very vocal about their opinion, to which the chair replied, “You can’t decide!” They ended up singing Mamma Mia acappella, because our basement committee unfortunately does not have working speakers either.



The debates that have started later in the day have been interesting, finally giving the poor Ad-staff members something to do except scrolling on their phones, providing them with the possibility to leave the scare Wi-Fi connection for the delegates and chairs instead of their online games, and leave their sudoku books in their bags. Hopefully the further debates in the upcoming days will continue to be compelling, and that the gossip box will be filled over the days, as it is currently almost empty.

GA 3

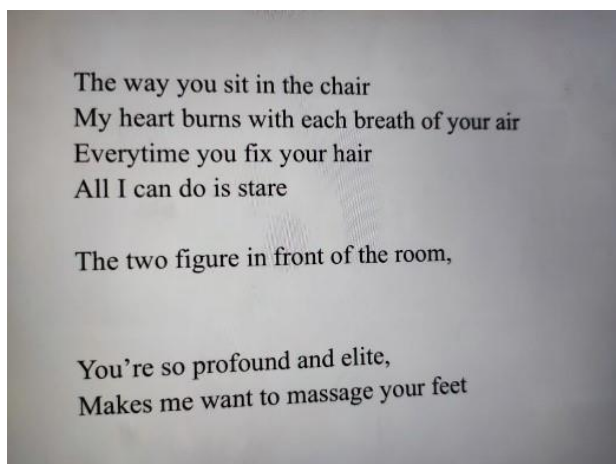
Chaos in GA3 between love poems, bullying and secret admirers

by Chiara Cernilogar

Dear readers, don't be deceived by the nice suits and polite words, the delegates are anything but civil and innocent. But don't worry, I'm here to be your spy and reveal you all the secrets hidden behind the formalities.

Love and resolutions

Looks like a delegate from GA3 was utterly infatuated by the Chairs, since they didn't only receive his resolution, but also a poem at the end of it. Unfortunately, he deleted it shortly after, but our beloved chairs managed to recover the file, which they defined as "creative, especially the part about the feet". Here's a sneak peek to the poem, maybe politics isn't his only talent after all.

**Bullying against the United States of America**

The debate started off with Brazil presenting their resolution, asking to consider modernization aid

for the less developed tribal cultures to integrate them into society.

New Zealand spoke in favour of the resolution, stating that it includes all the right points. Following, Bangladesh also spoke in favour, because all tribes should be able to be included in our modern world.

Since no one else wanted to take the floor, the Chairs called the United States of America to present their amendment on the point of letting Indigenous tribes vote, because it would further include them into society.



Brazil then pointed out the "hypocrisy" of the USA, since they amended for voting rights of the indigenous although in the United States very few Native Americans have access to voting.

Next Argentina, Bangladesh and Belgium submerged the delegate of USA with questions, including how indigenous tribes would be able to get a better education in order to better vote, and if the USA wanted to colonize these tribes.

Seems like today isn't a good day for the USA, since not only did Brazil point out their hypocrisy, but many countries attacked them by claiming she should sort out her own problems before trying to solve the ones in other countries.

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In the end the amendment was passed, and next the Philippines spoke in favour of the whole resolution, accepting any and all points of information which earned him a “don’t do that to yourself” comment from Brazil.

Finally, Bangladesh presented his amendment, against allowing indigenous tribes to better reach bigger cities, that passed shortly after.



The debate ended with the final voting to procedure and due to overwhelming majority, the resolution passed.

Secret admirers?

Either China is really desperate for food, or someone has taken some interest in him, since during the debate someone sent him a piece of candy wrapped in a piece of paper, and he sent back a whole packet of Gummy bears.

SECURITY COUNCIL

No-Shows and Power Dynamics

by Natasha Ratcliffe

A sunny new day welcomes the delegates of the Security Council to the European School of Munich. Although we have been squished into the John-Peryer room, spirits are high for those who bothered to show up, namely NOT China, who is yet to be seen in the debates. But strings have already been pulled, and replacements made. Outsider information has said that China will arrive five minutes before the deadline for his arrival. He however, did not manage this and will be kicked off the Security Council.

Fearing a lack of respect, not only for our beloved vice-president, but also the council as a whole, punishments have become stricter. The mere act of quietly hitting the holy gavel, which was attempted by the USA, calls for a punishment.

Russia and Ukraine are at each other's throats once again, with a severe power imbalance as Ukraine gazes down from his standing position. This, as stated by Ukraine, is a psychological assertion of his immense power, and a way for him to strike fears into his opponents eyes. When asked by the Ukraine for a source to his statement, the delegation of Russia simply stated "we are Russia." . This along with calling the Ukraine "delusional" for stating that Russia has threatened nuclear warheads.



The delegate of Ukraine asserting dominance

Ad-staff mention!

After Tuesday's 20 minute delay, wherein the vice president and even the press team had to take over the note passing, a punishment was in order. This would be in order, if the ad-staff came to the Security Council in the first place.

On another note, the lovely delegation of Israel has sent the press team a very warm and well-received present. They have stated this not a bribe, however this can be debated.

Some great quotes from punishments:

"Order! Sit on the table"

- President of Security Council ordering the delegate of the USA to sit on the table for 20 minutes.

"What am I doing? The suspense is killing me,"

-Russia while idly waiting for his punishment.

Also for an hour, USA has to speak in a Russian accent and Russia in a Texan accent. Who says that you don't learn new skills at Munom?

ECOSOC 2

A dire look at ECOSOC 2

By Milan Rooney and Konstantinos Kotselidis

It's the second day of MunoM and the tension has never been higher. We walked into our committee this morning, only to witness a display of tardiness like no other. Over 10 delegates of the ECOSOC 2 committee were late to arrive at the 9am targeted time frame, and the head chairs were completely unorganized. This display of chaos was clear all over the room. Examples of this disarray were that the text on the board was spelt wrong, the ad-staff were missing for a sizable chunk of time, and on two separate occasions have the toilets been entirely destroyed by two daft people who managed to "miss" the rim and bowl, and in turn left their faeces on the floor. When we asked someone who witnessed the event and what happened, he stated, "It was terrible, please tell me which parent can't teach their kids how to properly ****". It had gotten to the point where there were rumours that we may not be able to use the venue again next year. As journalists we interviewed the head chair and various delegates to get to the bottom of this unsystematic disorder.



To get an idea of why the chairs were in such a state we interviewed the head chair of ECOSOC 2. This is the participants second time being the head

chair and they have expressed great joy in talking about the various issues that ECOSOC 2 presents, (crime prevention and criminal justice).

However, they did inform us that they have been disappointed by the different delegates of their committee; the overall prolongation that the different delegates had to take.

We also asked why the start of the day was so chaotic and they just replied saying their „work is hard.“ In response to the different delegates being late we decided to ask a few questions to expose the reason for this disgrace, and the majority replied saying that the different teachers or even they themselves were poorly informed about what and where they were supposed to go. This, along with the prior interview paints a picture that makes us, as journalist unsure on who to believe. Do we trust the chieftain in charge? Or do we trust the simple delegates? The mystery of ECOSOC 2.



We heard some exciting theories today, but none as crazy as those from the delegates of Russia and Egypt. Despite the friendliness of most of the delegates, these two were really suspicious to us at first. We were constantly getting looks from them which were quite unpleasant for us journalists. The delegate of Egypt even went so far as to threaten us; with Russia's help, but he changed his threat to an offer, or rather a poorly disguised attempt at a bribe. The unbelievable offer of 5€ was very professionally rejected by us

and we continued to gather information. A little later, when we had had further discussions with the two of them, they explained to us that they were related, and also that the representative of Russia was pregnant. A very interesting and crazy interaction, we have to admit. But whether we should believe it is another question.

Differences between the delegates have been expressed by the participants of the committee, and gossip has been spread by the involved parties. We interviewed the delegate of China within ECOSOC 2, and he had some unruly information that had to do with the delegate of Bangladesh. The delegate stated that the criticized had propagated false information to other delegates yesterday during the opening of the gossip box. China themselves stated that this alleged false information was to slander China's name and to get co-submitters onto Bangladesh's side. We asked Bangladesh to further expand on China's statement, but she refused to accept the blame and stated that the information shared was just a speculation, which was purely private and had nothing to do with the ongoing debates. We don't know if this information helped, but Bangladesh's resolution got the vote from the overwhelming majority.

All in all, we can say that today really had a lot to offer. We heard a lot of interesting rumours and theories from the delegates at ECOSOC 2 and we were able to see which delegates are aligned with whom, and which are opposed to each other. We were also able to capture the opinions of the chairs and talk to them about everything. All in all, a successful day.

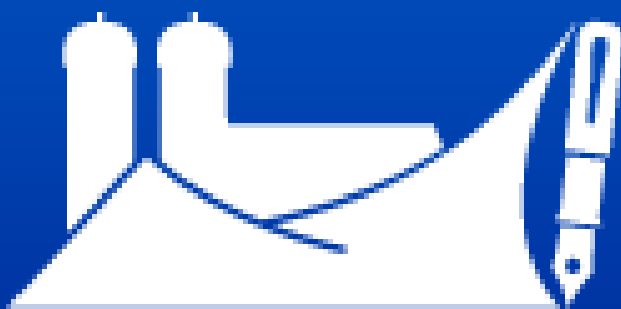


The journalists for ECOSOC 2 as punishment for not adding photos to their article

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