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SECURITY COUNCIL

Insane punishments and honourable mentions

by Natasha Ratcliffe

Last day people! Sadly, as all good things, even MunoM, must come to an end. But we still have a couple of things to say! Firstly, we want to thank our gorgeous chairs for all their hard work.

Because there have been so many rule-breakers, punishments have had to overlap to the next day, where the ad-staff gave a lovely rendition of a folk dance, and the delegate of Iran sang *Poker Face*.



In other news, the replacement delegate of China is doing a terrific job at filling the shoes of a massively powerful country. Bangladesh has also deserved a mention, as they debate confidently and with grace. Russia's veto power has been taken away for the entirety of the debate specifically regarding the his veto power, which he "would like the people to know that their veto power has been stripped unjustly and without warning. Outrage!". But that's not the only thing being stripped from Russia, as during the delegate's third punishment, he performed a belly dance to Shakira's 'Hips Don't Lie' and decided to seductively remove his blazer.



Let's have a little chat about certain habits? Addictions? During the last hour of the debate on Wednesday, the delegate of India managed to drink the entire coffee pot by himself. This craving has continued onto the next day, as he never has his debates without his coffee.

On another note, exciting things could break out in the Security Council. Perhaps a little more than a tussle, but more news on that in Tom Passier's article.

Now for the people's anonymous vote of the prettiest princess in Security Council: With an overwhelming 6 votes, Russia!

Honourable mentions:

The president (also named the 'moustache man') and the vice president, both with three votes. Frankly the fact that no one other than our immaculate vice-president voted for Press, is appalling.

Quotes of the day:

"Do I get a punishment? Yes!"

-Venezuela excited to get punished (kinky?!)

"the chairs are sucky, sucky failures."

-Russia (no context will be given)



ECOSOC 1

Sassy delegates and strange alliances in ECOSOC 1

By Leonore Luchies

At the end of day 2 of MunoM, the resolution submitted by the delegate of the USA, on introducing a penalty system based on tracking system to improve waste disposal levels, was being debated. A few nations had very strong opinions on it. The delegate of Pakistan found that it was a "Resolution without real substance," and the delegate of Bangladesh found there would be "simply too many" amendments to make on the resolution, and they apparently have "Nor the paper, nor the hand strength" to make them. The gossip box did say that they "Eat everyone up with their sass," so maybe it wasn't so bad.

This morning, day 3 of MunoM, we found out that some people have been sent home for misbehavior (definitely not drinking), and one of the delegates absent is missing from our committee. Unfortunately, Myanmar will not continue to be represented in ECOSOC 1. Moral of the story for you guys, please don't drink!! You'll miss the closing ceremony video filmed by our lovely film crew.



Though the US and China have such contrasting political views, and the US said, "No insult to China or their ability to write amendments, however..." about China's amendment to their resolution, a note in the gossip box however did say "make love not war," talking about the two delegations. On top of that, in the picture below we see China and the US shaking hands. Could there be a strange alliance forming between the two countries?

PSA: Our photographers have been getting hate from multiple gossip boxes for taking pictures, but since their job description kind of revolves around this, please refrain for hating on them, thanks. In an anonymous photographer's words "Only jealous and ugly b***** hate on photographers" and from a different, also anonymous, photographer, "If you look ugly in them - that's not our fault." Please always remember: Press Team = best team.



A little extra: pictured above is the delegate of Bangladesh from another committee who, though we are buried deep into the school grounds, intruded into our conference room, stole a photographer's camera, and tried to take a selfie. He clearly failed miserably, so please do with this information whatever you'd like.



GA 6

Sticks and stones may break our bones, but threats and punishments excite our delegates

by Sofia Mezzaroma and Serena Roberti

There's no time to waste, we have a confession to make: The press has officially lost faith in our previous article's rockstars. You see, at first the poetry was not only intriguing, but we dare say funny even. But as time went on, we came to realize how all of this must've just been a desperate cry for attention. Deficit really kicking in, huh? Apart from the poems reaching way further than the censorship barrier would allow, both delegates of China and Belgium have turned to the strategy that'd lead to their doom: threats! Who would've thought that MunoM would have such a bad influence on these two delegates' moral integrity and good manners?

As, in all honesty, there may not be a tomorrow for us, we give our beloved readers the final incriminating piece of evidence to complete the criminatory puzzle. We salute and demand an avenge. So, we quote:

"Dear my oopps We are unhappy we were written about, yo Next time, we better look good, bro Like, that's not so chill of you."

FROM, China, Belgium

However, you're not getting rid of us yet, since we still have more to say. Evidently, as laid before you, these intimidatory remarks in the form of poetry, raps, or however you want to call them, barely rhyme, which is supposed to be the trademark of pieces as such. As you may have noticed, the poem itself hardly makes sense, as the committee's lovebirds were not even able to spell the word

"opps" correctly. Guess our two delegates did not really take into consideration the saying "less is more" when they added that extra 'o'. Regardless, we think that perhaps they could consider the option of acting like normal people if they really dislike being part of the articles, but we guess it's too late for that, right?

As much as we despise China, we must admit that, along with the delegate of USA, he gave us another impeccable performance: they had to sing and dance to a BTS song, but given his major victim complex we're surprised he didn't complain about it being racially motivated since he is Korean. Following this, the delegate of Romania, who by the way is just as iconic as the country itself (WE LOVE ROMANIA!!!), and alongside representative of the UK, proceeded to perform the 2018 mainstream hit Señorita. We are very happy to announce that they slayed, which the delegate of the UK refrained from doing.

Just wait, best comes last! We can very proudly say that no execution of punishment could live up to the performance of our honorable, lovely, amazing, beautiful chair. performed 'Baby' by the one and only Justin Bieber to GA4. Although her voice was already gone, they managed to give not one, but two GA's the concert of their lives. We still wish she could have been a bit louder, but without doubt we can all admit that, as best chair, they cooked, served and ate. Special thanks to delegate of Singapore for the proposition but turn down that confidence.





Fun aside, there's some other matters which need discussing. Firstly, we'd respectfully like to take back our glorification of USA, prevalent in the previous article, and give his spot on the podium greatly appreciated delegate Netherlands. Through the combination of having amazing charm and the dedication to wear crazy beautiful socks, we consider Netherlands to be greatly unappreciated. Hype it up! As to USA, the use of ChatGPT and furthermore claiming you finished your work too fast thanks to your exceeding IQ, just know we're side eyeing. Also, your comedy show being based on racist and homophobic claims was not the move, but we're sure the booing already took care of this announcement.



The delegate of China showing off his artistic skills, drawing every delegate in the room

Sadly, we've come to say goodbye, as this is our last article for the MunoM 2023 Times. Much love, we know we'll be greatly missed. So, just as Cardi B said, "see you next year, or not".



GA₁

Scandalous: Chinas Ambassador doesn't know what BRICS is

By Manuel Höhn

"BRICS, what is that?" - That's the ridiculous quote the Ambassador of China in GA1 said yesterday during the debate time. The entire room was shocked and some people couldn't hold their laughter.

Let me explain to you what BRICS means. I hope the Ambassador of China reads this article to finally understand what it as well. First of all, BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It's an association of major emerging national economies known for their significant influence on global affairs. These countries cooperate on different political and economic issues, aiming to promote development and cooperation.



BRICS emerged as a strategic alliance in 2009. Initially, the group focused on economic cooperation and development, leveraging their influence. Over the years, BRICS has evolved into a platform for addressing global challenges and enhancing geopolitical cooperation. These nations, despite diverse cultural backgrounds, share common goals of fostering economic

stability and reforming international institutions. BRICS summits have become crucial forums for dialogue, enabling these major economies to shape discussions on issues such as trade, climate change, and global governance. As a significant force on the world stage, BRICS continues to play an important role in forming the geopolitical future and influencing global economic policies. The USA isn't so happy about the BRICS, seeing Russia, India and China as two major competitors cooperating on a political and economical basis.





Many people think that the economic future will be shaped by the BRICS countries, because if such big and strong economies work together, they'll achieve something great. To the handsome Chinese delegate of GA1: Don't take it seriously, visually you're a majestic 10/10.

Maybe you should do some more research before the conference.



SECURITY COUNCIL

China's passion for Star Wars, Russia insulting the presidents, and mysterious war?

By Tom Passier

New day means new resolutions, amendments and most importantly, QUOTES. With the delegation of China immediately stating: "As my friend Yoda once said, there is no try, there is only do. Should we not follow this and 'do' obey the humanitarian principles of the UN, trying is not enough!". obviously yesterday With delegations of China in GA1 and Security Council switching councils, the 'new' delegate of China immediately jumped in with a bang when quoting this! During the press conference I asked the delegation of China what the situation with Taiwan is right now. With him quoting: "What....? Taiwan is not part of my vocabulary! Do you perhaps mean Chinese Taipei?". With the delegation of China stating these two statements, it is safe to say that China has come, not to play games, but rather push and pressure those nations who have controlled this committee for far too long. "They claim they are fighting for a free world!".



In the middle: delegation of China

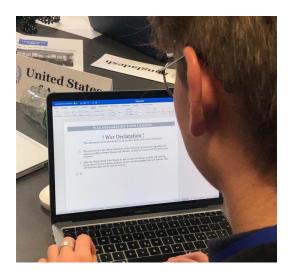
With the punishments starting early today, the delegation of Russia began with holding a speech about: "Why the presidents suck at their job". Beginning with the statement: "I thought it was self-evident.". following with: "The president was to distractful because of his hair, what he's wearing and his beard.". Aswell as: "Most definitely, the vice president has weapons lying around the room, which she is going to use against the president at some point!".



On the left: delegation of Russia, on the right, the chairs

As seen in the picture below, the delegate of Ukraine has some devious plans for the future. With DPRK (Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea) was spying on Ukraine's laptop, and noticed this suspicious act by the delegation of Ukraine and took this picture. I think the picture is self-explanatory...... Ukraine is planning to declare war on Russia even though the war is already going on. Ukraine quotes: "the Ukrainian government is more than willing to take this risk in order to destroy the country of Russia!".





Silly quotes:

"We still don't think they're a country but we agree with Ukraine."

-Russia

"Sorry, not the country of Ukraine, but the region of Ukraine."

-Russia

"Impartial means different things to different people.".

-Ukraine



GA₃

GA 3 never fails to entertain us

by Chiara Cernilogar

Dear readers, once again our delegates didn't disappoint us, giving me a lots to write about. Like the disciplined delegates they are, they immediately started discussing the previous resolution on the legalization of abortion made by Iraq.

Many amendments were made, to which many heated discussions followed. China's amendment encouraging the two-child policy was one of the most argued, and our poor Chairs probably need a couple Ibuprofen tablets after Belgium's amendment, since he continuously had to be corrected for using personal pronouns and thought that girls could only get pregnant during or after puberty. Seems like someone needs to do their research.

Punishment break

Thankfully we had Russia and Egypt to lighten the day, showing off their Spanish skill by singing "Bailando" together as punishment. For your own safety I'm not going into details, but let's all take a moment of silence to thank them for not choosing a singing career path.



"Ding Dong your opinion is wrong"

We can say a lot of things about our beloved delegates, but they always manage to keep us entertained. I certainly wouldn't have expected Bangladesh answering "Ding Dong your opinion is wrong" to Germany. Fortunately, Singapore came to the rescue, rightfully asking Bangladesh to apologize for their disrespect, but it seems like today they are at a loss of words, since they simply answered "no". Quite rude if you ask me.

USAs comeback and Chinas downfall

Once again China tried to highlight USA's hypocrisy by saying "The USA has almost the same amount of human rights violations as we do", while discussing the amendment made by the USA, requesting the Chinese government to respect human rights regarding the national security law in Hong Kong. Well, someone didn't think that through. Of course, our dear USA seized the opportunity to take revenge on them, backed up by Belgium who defined China as "the true villain".



Drip or just bad taste?

After leaving his usual seat on the shelf next to the window (what is this guy's problem with chairs??), Russia walked to the front with untied shoelaces. When a delegate tried to warn him, he claimed it was "drip". What's the lady's opinion on that?



ECOSOC 2

A whirlwind of problems

by Milan Rooney and Konstantinos Kotselidis

It's the dawn of day 3, and the situation has never been as exciting as it is now... Or is it? Not exactly, because for some reason the delegates started the day very unmotivated. We were very surprised when we observed the situation in class today and compared to the last few days there wasn't much "fire" in the debates this time.

These past two days, the nations of all committees have been presenting their different resolutions. Most of the delegates of ECOSOC 2 have been taking it seriously, but as an observer, I have seen some of the candidates slacking off or simply not participating. We don't want to name any names, but many of the more passionate delegates have also sensed this lack of resolve. When asked why the lazy delegates have not been as active as the others, they replied with numerous lackadaisical answers. Examples are, "I'm too good for this group", or "I was tired today". All of these nonsensical excuses are just to hide the fact that a lot of members are grossly unprepared. We even caught some students using AI to cheat and create their points of information for them. These cases have been so bad that 3 students have been sent home for "misconduct", and more than 7 people were late at the start of Thursday.

However, there were also interesting debates between the delegates of different countries yesterday afternoon, which we unfortunately forgot to mention. The most interesting and heated debate however, was between the delegate from China and the delegate from Belgium. When the poor Belgian delegate wanted to present her education program, the Chinese delegate interrupted her and called her program corrupt and wrong. This objection by the delegate

caused a rather heated debate to break out between the two, which went on for quite a long time. However it was all unnecessary, as in the end the Chinese delegate later admitted via Snapchat that he only started the argument because he was bored and that he had no objections to Belgium's education program. The Belgian MP later retracted his statement and deleted the chat. Of course, he did not manage to escape the attentive ears of the journalists, and we were able to see the whole chat and hear the complete conversation.



We asked the head and deputy secretary general to comment on faulty delegates, and they responded by saying it was classified information. We asked them to comment on this injustice, but they refused to give a straight answer. Afterwards, we asked the head privately, who decided to comment on the issue and stated that "if people continue to behave like this, it will damage the reputation of MunoM, and it'll get harder for people to join next year." So far, this has been a recurring theme this year. Now, as journalists for MunoM 2023, we have to ask if the heads of MunoM are doing their job or if it's the different personalities within the delegates that are causing such chaos.

We interviewed a few members of the executive staff and asked about their workload and the current state of their affairs. We got many different answers from the differing execs, yet,



they all presented that they have a lot to do, but manage it by evenly splitting the work with the different heads. Furthermore, in private we asked them which exec was doing the least amount of work, and a repeating idea is that the financial team isn't doing their share of work and is missing important excel files for the press team. When asked about this, they ultimately denied the allegations and said it was preposterous and that it's the heads of ad staff that are slacking off. With this back and forth, we are not sure who to trust, so we will leave that decision for you to decide.



We also asked team members of the press team who aren't journalists for their input. The film crew had some interesting opinions of the press execs. They feel they aren't communicating with them enough, and that their workload is too much for their 4-person team. Photographers stated that their work was hard, but it was manageable. However, anyone else I asked had the opposite opinion: "The photographers are just disrupting the debates by flashing their cameras into people's faces, and they aren't even getting the right pictures that we need," said one of the chairs at Wednesday's gossip box. This, along with their schedule, the tardy shows duality photographers.

The longer we spend time with the whole committee, the more we got the feeling that the various delegates are not only not very keen on their work, but that we, as the press team, are

annoying people with our questions and perhaps also with our presence. This theory could also be confirmed if you look at the Press Team's Gossip Box. It looks like a lot of people have something to say about us. In any case, we asked ourselves the question: What do the various delegates think about us? So, we went to the various committees and asked the people there. Of course, the people we asked didn't directly admit to anything negative, but we kept asking. We learned from the interviews that the people found us likable, but sometimes also a bit pushy. The various committees all praised their journalists, and most of them thought we did a good job. Our friendliness was also praised, although I can't quite understand why. The video team was also highly praised. All in all, the feedback was very positive.

In the end, everyone has a dislike for everyone. We don't know if it's because of the chaotic environment of MunoM itself or the questionable delegates this year; someone always has a problem with someone. However, everyone we have interviewed has shared the same opinion at least once: "MunoM was fun". Whether you were an overworked exec, a resourceful delegate, or even a simple journalist, MunoM was fun.



GA4

Gossip Box, secret crush, and the debates

by Bruno Drabko

Today, the delegates of GA 4 focused on the topic "dealing with the Myanmar conflict, highlighting the responsibility of former colonial powers towards their former colonies". Amongst the most active delegates was the representative of Venezuela, who was extremely involved and argued every time he could. The delegate of New Zealand participated well too, like every other day so far. I think he wants to meet the expectations of the gossip box, which claims that he is to become a respected politician. To be fair, he is already a great example in our GA.



I could write for days about the debate, but let's skip skip that and get to the punishments and the gossip box from yesterday, which are probably more interesting to read. We even have a rumor about a secret crush in our GA, but I will only reveal this at the end of my article.

Punishments:

There isn't going to be a day when there's no punishment. There is always someone who somehow manages to violate meeting times and arrive late. Today the representative of Belgium got punished for being 10 seconds late, and because of this he had to imitate cat sounds in the security council. Yeah, sometimes life's not fair. We also had the whole GA

vibing to the Macarena while the delegates from Russia and Egypt were dancing. Amongst this, there is one person, one legend, to whom no one can compare when it comes to dancing. With his famous hip dance to the song "Hips don't lie" from Shakira, he gave everyone butterflies in their stomachs and probably won't leave MunoM without a girlfriend. Of course, it's the delegate of Venezuela.



Gossip box:

Do we believe in the rumours of the gossip box or not? That isn't really important. Some people say that in every rumour, even the worst ones, there exists a tiny bit of truth. Just like the gossip letter that leaked the sexual tension between Sudan and Syria, or the relationship between the chairs. Obviously in every gossip box there are comments, but I seriously wonder who took the time to write a comment about the skirt of China being too short. I don't know where you should be looking while the debate is ongoing, but I highly doubt it should be in that area.

New Zealand received some nice comments about his debating and speaking skills, but sadly, those comments don't help him in rizzing up girls. He failed twice on Tuesday, when the girls rejected his feelings. Please give this man a minute of silence.





Now to the exciting part:

I heard some trustworthy leaks about the crush of the representative of Sweden. I wondered who it might be; but of course it's the guy who received the most compliments from the gossip box, the handsome delegate of Egypt.

Representative of Egypt; This sentence is directed solely at you dude. Just know if you like Sweden, shoot your shot, man, because it's going to be 100% successful.



GA 2

The clear effects of punishment show: how GA2 has risen from its ashes on Day 3

by Eleni Simeonidou and Gustavo Sauerer Aviles

Wednesday's impacting press conference, along with harsh executive's notes to the delegates seem to have scared off the member states of GA2 and managed to set them straight. Involvement has increased, with more than half of the committee taking part in the debate during the first hour, including Vietnam and Venezuela; however, the delegate of Egypt seems to be more interested in Flamenco music, rather than the topics discussed in the General Assembly.

South Sudan's resolution about the abuse of power by Fortune 100s executives has been heavily debated up until now, with five amendments and one secondary amendment being submitted, only one of which has passed. South Sudan proposes the strengthening of antimonopolization laws and asks for clearer and more transparent processes between small and large companies. This has caused Eritrea to present an amendment furthering interference between governments and their respective economies, which has been heavily criticized by the delegation of New Zealand, who seems to be in favor of free market policies.

Following, the Republic of Korea had presented a new resolution about the global supply chain crisis. Their country's economy felt threatened by the financial power of countries such as China, and thus wanted to make the supply chain more resilient. After the delegate's speech, Russia chose to insult Ukraine's delegation by submitting an amendment designed to fracture Ukraine's

international economy, isolating them from the rest of Europe, Asia, and North America. The amendment was overruled by a clear majority, even though China and Russia teamed up and voted in favor for it to pass.

Thursday's debates have shown the potential of this committee to achieve change in the world, and, in contrast to Wednesday, delegates seem to be invested in speaking in favor of and against amendments and resolutions to make their countries' voice heard, which in the end, is essential for political advancements.





ECOSOC 3

ECOSOC 3: dodging dances, musty fries and 'high'-ly unconventional amendments

By Isabel de Bruyn

After debating one entire resolution (yeah, I know hard workers here in ECOSOC 3) the chairs thought it was the right time to start doing punishments and confront Indonesia about his punishment that he avoided yesterday: the tik tok viral "swim dance" (make me swim, make me hotter. You get the gist). Sadly enough, he sprinted out the classroom and didn't come back until he was told that there were going to be free brezes outside. Luckily, he is not the only food driven delegate in this wonderful committee, during his speech yesterday, the delegate of China started munching on some musty, cold McDonalds fries. Must be nice.



Whilst I was on a very important side mission in ECOSOC 2 I yet again come to meet Indonesia from my committee. He is THE main character whether you like it or not. There he proposes an "epic prank!" to the head chair of ECOSOC 2. The epic prank in question is taking over security council and bombing Sigmapore **Singapore. We hate to see it. Why you ask. No idea. For this prank he has

tried seeking an alliance with the USA, thankfully she turned him down.

Another thing that I heard was that a particular delegate (I'll let you guess which one....) Has been bribing other delegates for votes in support of his resolutions. So, if you want someone to give you free drinks or money, he is your guy. Usually we would call this corruption, but let's be honest, you would do it to for a check.

Thankfully I have trained my committee well and I got multiple notes giving me inside information today. I am so emotional, its so nice to see them grow. Thank you guys <3

Nearing the end of the day our honourable delegate of the Netherlands thought it would be a good time to propose an amendment asking for the legalization of marijuana for aggressive people and perpetrators of sexual abuse. This sparked a flame in many of the other delegates and a fruitful debate started. It was the first time I have seen all the delegates be so invested in a debate. This amendment also raised a lot of questions, like when Pakistan asked how much marijuana the Netherlands consumed before proposing it. Whilst chopping on a chocolate croissant the delegate of South Sudan asked how much one joint would cost, the delegate of the Netherlands couldn't answer this. I wonder why he asked it. It looked like nothing could get the Netherlands down, she fought as if her life depended on it. Girlboss.

In the midst of this exciting debate, our secretary general comes in to berate Indonesia and tells him to do the water dance. It was great seeing Indonesia pleading his case to the SG. After he stood up the SG shockingly asked if he was going to run away again. Thankfully he waited to do that until after SG left.



I want to thank the delegates of ECOSOC 3 for their enthusiasm and passion. I loved the goofy remarks and your very interesting takes, it was really exciting to listen to. You guys are awesome.

In honour of picture day, here are some of the HAPs' favourite photos...

A massive thank you to our photographers who stood outside for four hours to take all these photos!! You can now find all MunoM photos in the link in our Instagram bio.















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