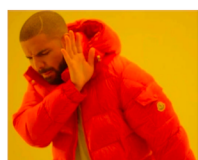


FIND 5 MISTAKES



Every participant turning around after a random guy entered the room with free food:



Everyone eating at Mensa



UNCTAD eating at the bank

Halil waiting for someone to bring him the hammer



Today's Schedule

08:30 - 11:30	Committee Session 2
11:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:30	Committee Session 3
16:00 - 18:00	Committee Session 4
20:00 - 24:00	Gala Reception

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"Fingerspitzengefühl"

Literally translated it means "the feeling in your fingertips", which refers to a fine sense of awareness in difficult situations. Delegates for example need Fingerspitzengefühl in the field of international politics to achieve their goals, by not offending any Super Powers, fending off their enemies and making allies all at the same time.

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CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

The Champagne Reception event took place from 6:30 until 8:30 pm, at the magnificent and dazzling Foyer Schloss. The atmosphere pervaded was very congenial and the event served as the first serious and informal contact between the participants, who were also able to meet the Organization Team, allowing the MUIMUN participants to get a hint of who is really behind all the work.

The participants showed their more informal side, after the seriousness and formality expressed during the first committee that ended shortly before the beginning of this event. Apart from debating, there was also a very beautiful and healthy cultural exchange, as attendees of the ceremony could enrich themselves from people all around the globe.

As a matter of fact, one of the most beautiful qualities about today's episode was the fact we could hear so many diverse opinions conveyed in so many different languages; English, German



French, Spanish, etc. were spoken everywhere over the event. Therefore, it was extremely easy to get shipwrecked in such culturally, politically, and linguistically unique sea.

To round off the event, there was free food and drink for all those who were already exhausted and in need to refuel after the first committee and the full day of introduction. As a result, Champagne and Laugenstange was provided to all of those who were already starving.

by Sergio Castro Suárez

THE START OF UNCTAD

Despite the distance between the Schloss and NRW.BANK the UNCTAD committee appears to have been assigned to the best location this year. The delegates and chairs received a warm welcome consisting of a welcome speech, a snack buffet and a conference room equipped with a speaker's podium. The bank even offered lunch, an offer the committee gratefully accepted.

In this environment the delegates started their debates. The setting of the agenda to topic A "Advancing Entrepreneurship in Latin America - A new path for multinational cooperation" led to some difficulties for the delegates of countries who had not yet identified a connection between their represented country and Latin America.



Other Countries like Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico visibly endorsed the choice of topic. On the second day every delegation adapted to the choice of topic.

The rules of procedure of this year caused some jaws to drop as the use of mobile device is not permitted. The chairs patiently explained that the rule was introduced to encourage a closer listening. Not every delegate approved of that rule but brought a notepad to the session on the next day.

COMMITTEE SESSION 2: AD-HOC

The session has been opened with the announcement of the theft of Russian nuclear weapons from a certain terrorist group around the edges of the state of Iran. Videos posted on the Deep Web point to the Lebanese political-terrorist group Hezbollah. The propositions of the different countries are quite disparate: firstly, while representatives of Saudi Arabia and Turkey appeal to the support of the House to deploy military forces in the vicinity of Iran to control any insurgency, while Israel also called for joining forces to quell any possible aspirations of the terrorist group to the detriment of all Middle Eastern countries, and Pakistan also advocates the need to take action, Egypt seeks to remedy the problem in the most diplomatic way possible, considering that sending troops to the country's border could be a terrible provocation Iran. Later on, Egypt proposed sending a communique to Iran, which was eventually signed by the representatives of the countries present, stating that they are aware of the abnormal activity taking place on their borders and how they could be a source of destabilization and insecurity in the region and therefore, requesting the cooperation of the Iranian authorities in such a crucial matter for the future of the Middle East.

The situation has deteriorated all too quickly, with consternation among the delegations in the room following the explosion of a nuclear bomb in Tel Aviv, with reliable US sources pointing to Hezbollah. Nevertheless, India raises the possibility of supporting Israel in invading Lebanon (Hisbollah's epicentre) because of its geographical proximity, warning that it will probably not be the only country bombed, and Qatar offers to finance the arms build-up, backed also by Saudi Arabia, the most reactionary proclamations being the most reactionary. More moderate statements from Egypt and Turkey, in keeping with the principles of dialogue and diplomacy, also chanted by the Saudi Arabian delegate, in favour of trying to avoid a possible large-scale conflict, and from Pakistan, which supports the possibility of demanding the Lebanese government's extradition or imprisonment and punishment of those involved in the incident, helped to relax the tense atmosphere in the room.

by María Esther López Zapata

THE START OF UNCTAD

One highlight was certainly the accessory the USA brought to the sessions. When the delegate with the ducky tie walked up to the podium he took a rubber duck with him. And the duck looked like Donald Trump. It remains to be seen whether Donald will accompany him in the following sessions as well.

The beginning of the second day of MUI MUN was characterized by some unmoderated caucuses. All the delegates came together in one circle and started their discussions. Seeing them laugh and expressively state their arguments in one group fascinated especially chair Halil. One topic which dominated the debates in the committee this morning was the balance between western countries offering their knowledge in Latin America and the colonization-like power this could give to them. Furthermore, the microfinancing of individuals and small businesses and the role of short-term education were discussed.

By Inga Mucke

IMO COMMITTEE

This morning's meeting of the International Maritime Organisation Committee was extremely successful. Both the participation and the debate were extremely fruitful and constructive. In fact, all participants put themselves in the shoes of world representatives and began to address the issue of decarbonisation. Seriousness pervaded the classroom, although this was broken by the interesting and humorous speech of the Estonian representative. After the various breaks and snacks, the debate ended having touched on various points such as policy recommendations, such as monetary resources to achieve decarbonisation, regulatory measures, technology implementation, etc. Another key topic was sustainable shipping and how to achieve it through new technologies and, of course, without losing efficiency in global maritime trade.

by Sergio Castro Suárez



IT'S URGENT!

The Security Council was faced with a difficult surprise today: A nuclear bombing of Tel Aviv, claimed by the Taliban, interrupted the Security Council's debate on Afghanistan's role in the UN. This crisis meant that delegates had to act quickly! In this unusual committee meeting, delegates had to act in consultation with the whole body. Delegations worked out a plan for how to proceed. The difficulty was how to deal with the Taliban as a group and the fact that the location of the missing nuclear weapons had not yet been confirmed. In a moderated caucus, the delegations of China, Switzerland, the UK and the US agreed to join forces to use their technology to locate the nuclear weapons. Afterwards, a motion for a moderated caucus on possible military intervention led to a heated discussion with the chairpersons, who questioned whether the UN could send in armed forces. On the issue of peacekeeping, they technically could. Although the chair stressed that the UN could not invade a state, the limits of the definition of peacekeeping were really being tested. The Westfalian Diplomat will keep you up to date!

By Mina Lynn Mekkaoui



COMMITTEE SESSION I: UNESCO

After some minor technical difficulties, the first session of the UNESCO Committee started with a slight delay. This was exciting as it was the first Model UN session for most delegates. The first topic added to the agenda was "Improving the protection of natural world heritage sites against the effects of climate change and other threatening human activities". The delegate from St Vincent and the Grenadines gave an impassioned speech on the beauty of the site and the threat of climate change, concluding with a call to action to the other delegates. The debate that followed focused on sustainable tourism and how it can contribute to the protection and preservation of World Heritage Sites. Overall, it was a fairly harmonious session with all delegations agreeing on the importance of international cooperation and committing themselves to finding global solutions. However, some delegations, namely South Africa, Georgia and St Vincent and the Grenadines, highlighted the problem of funding sustainable alternatives and urged the wealthier nations present to contribute more financial resources to this end.