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"Have confidence in young people, give them a chance, and they will surprise you."
-Kofi Annan



MUNNING TIMEZ

NEOTERIC UNDP

The second day of the three- day conference was welcomed by the cheerful faces of our young delegates. The committee kick-started with a highly interactive GSL guided and counteracted by the Executive Board (EB) members.

A number of contentious remarks were exchanged, as a result of which there was a wave of excitement flooding the room. There was an interesting moderated caucus raised by the Republic of Sudan, on the topic 'SDG IV: Quality Education with Special Emphasis on Covid-19.' The one-on-one debate between China and USA was definitely the cherry on top.

The ICJ Co- Chair and the Director General's visit to the convocation was the highlight of the day. The Co-Chair posed as the delegate of Afghanistan and gave quick and combative replies to South Korea's witty questions. A heated one-on-one debate between India and Pakistan, supported by the USA and China respectively, followed. Between the intense debates and discussions, the delegates were able to come up with diverse solutions.

The committee ended its proceedings with almost every delegate receiving an applause sweetened with a candy.



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UNICEF UNIFIED

“What are you doing to prevent child slavery and child trafficking?” was the most pertinent and critical question raised in the UNICEF Committee today. It would be worthwhile to mention, that all the delegates did commendable work coming up with solutions. Amongst the most credible solutions were spreading awareness amongst people, educating them and donating to organisations that help in eradicating child slavery and child trafficking.



The committee unfurled the session with an unmoderated caucus followed by a moderated one with the sub-topic, ‘Violation of Children’s Rights Due to Child Slavery and Trafficking’ raised by the Delegate of India. The enquiries made in the committee, by the delegates, raised some good points and were appreciated by the Executive Board (EB). Several delegates were acknowledged for their hard work and efforts with applause and encouraging comments from the EB.

A crisis was subsequently introduced mid- session, which stated, “Taliban has held children hostage from some countries like India, Philippines, Cuba, France(majority) and Myanmar. Meanwhile, Taliban terrorists are held as prisoners in these countries. The release of these terrorists in exchange of the children was demanded”. After some deliberate discussion both the blocks were ready to present their arguments. The debates were effective and later helped the delegates come to a common solution.

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HARMONIOUS UNHRC

A new day, a fresh start with more enthusiasm and energy! The vice chair of the committee Mr. Sanskar Chandak got the ball rolling by motivating the delegates with the words “Playing to win comes out of inspiration, whereas, playing not to lose comes out of desperation. Winning is an event, being a winner is a spirit, the winner leaves a legacy.”

As the committee started with General Speakers’ List (GSL), there was great excitement and nervousness amongst the delegates which did not hinder them from giving out superlative speeches.

A moderated caucus was then raised by the delegate of Argentina about social, economic, healthcare and welfare rights of immigrants. Further into the session, the delegates drove the committee into a humanitarian predicament as reflected in the words of the Delegate of Israel, “We are completely against immigrants from our enemy countries.” This was countered by the delegate of Libya, “Are you saying that your country is neglecting the basic human rights of immigrants who are not from Jewish backgrounds? Doesn’t every human being have basic human rights?” The delegate of Libya further quoted “In our country the immigrants are allowed to enter with authentic legal documents. Illegal prospects to enter the country are not entertained at any level.” This was then opposed by Germany, “Do people entering through illegal procedure not have any immigrant rights?”

At the end of the session, the Chair emphasised on the importance of discussing solutions in the upcoming sessions more than problems.



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STUPENDOUS SOCHUM

“We are not developing nations, we are not developed nations, we are the United Nations!”

On the second day, the committee started off on a good note through appealing speeches by the delegates, which was followed by cross-questioning. Delegates were ardent and devoted to proceedings of the committee. They eagerly dived into the stock of chits and fervently posed questions to other delegates.

Then came the most engaging and captivating part of the day when the Delegate of Russian Federation was fired with diverse questions by both- the delegates and Executive Board (EB) members. At one point, Mexico made a statement in reply to the Russian Federation delegate's speech, which caused India to literally shoot his placard up ferociously causing a short but combustible debate between India and Russia.



Furthermore, the Delegate of Afghanistan was tremendous with his words of expression and certitude. When the Delegate of Mexico raised questions about the rampant presence of terrorism in his country, Afghanistan replied audaciously, “Hey! You all think that you are clever enough? Abstaining all the Kashmiri natives from basic human rights, all the while denying the same.” The Afghanistan delegate also threw light upon the ethical identity, defence and humanitarian situation in his country.

There was another crisis update introduced by Ms. Krishangi Kathodia on the topic 'String of Bombings', which began with the ancient pilgrims of Afghanistan. This heated up the mood of the committee a little, but the Delegates of Vietnam, Burkina Vasa and Germany came to the rescue by softening the ambience with their amusing, as well as, informative comments.

After a short break, everyone felt refreshed. Public Speakers' List (PSL) continued with exuberance and some entertainment.

Delegates, fasten your seatbelts for the next soaring flight! Highlight of the day: Charge d'Affaires' humorous and theatrical enactment helped the delegates understand about the ideals of the SOCHUM better.



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DIPLOMATIC DISEC

Today's discussion began with impactful strategies and focused faces.

Speaking on the agenda, the delegate of Russian Federation raised a Point of Information against USA concerning the supply of weapons to Ukraine in the face of war. Ukraine rebutted the statement by questioning Russia about the reason for them forbidding Ukraine from entering the NATO. This subsequently led to a heated argument between the delegates of USA, Russia and Ukraine.

Later, Greece probed Pakistan regarding the 9/11 fundings which left the delegate of Pakistan speechless, while the supporting nations did not pitch in either. Ukraine and Greece accused Russia of being a supplier of weapons to India and China, which Russia defended by highlighting the fact that those were not illegally provided. The debate was at its peak with delegates firing accusations back and forth.



The Secretary General joined the committee and participated as a guest- delegate, challenging the delegates with her questions. When the delegate of Russia mentioned that the weaponising against Ukraine began in 2020, the Secretary General asked the delegate to corroborate her statement with facts because the annexation of Crimea had started in 2014. Consequently, Afghanistan attacked Russia for terrorising other countries, yet claiming to be afraid of NATO forces on its border after Ukraine became a part of it.

Moving further, Executive Board (EB) members from other committees joined because of their peaked interest in the engaging discussions. With the discretion of The Chair a debate was initiated between the delegates of DPRK, Russia and People's Republic of China while opposing them were delegates of Algeria, Indonesia and Greece. When USA tried to join in from outside the discussion, DPRK was quick to mention its attack on Vietnam and also added conclusively, "US has been part of every major war for the past century."

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INGENIOUS ICJ

“I HAVE STARTED, LET ME FINISH”.

A sheer dichotomy between the mindset of the respondents and petitioners charged the opening speeches of the day.

While at one end Myanmar states- “Each person is innocent until proven guilty” on the other Saudi Arabia states “The people who want to watch the world burn, deserve to burn in it too.” The committee lit up with a zealous fire and passion of the delegates. Success of each debate was rewarded with a five- star chocolate, which was secretly being eyed by each delegate. The delegates were truly reflective of the five traits of five stars as we know them- active listening, eloquent speaking, thorough research, perfect presentation and pragmatism.

Then came the hour of a ‘free for all’ debate session which revolved around the topic of ‘Execution of Pregnant Women’, who are sometimes referred to as the “weaker sex”, in certain countries’ policies and legislation. The topic stirred such an uproar in the committee that the delegates forgot all about their hunger and missed lunch! Discussions over the same challenged the theory of the concept of ‘nature and nurture’ with the delegate offensively stating “It is the fault of the child to be born in the womb of the criminal”, leading to a furore of rebuttals from the opposition.



“ A covenant which has been drafted by the UN was deliberated upon by both; the respondents and the petitioners. It was then presented before the jury with possible amendments contributed by both parties. This gave the jury the ultimate power to contemplate upon the issue and to come up with the final draft. In order to encourage the delegates to maintain active participation, both-the Chair and Co- Chair entered into a formal debate representing the USA and DPRK respectively, which turned into a heated discussion; “the delegate does not like K-pop and considers them as terrorists” quoted the DPRK, which was countered by the USA in the words “the delegate wishes to have a world where there is no discrimination and no DPRK,” filling the room with an uproarious laugh. The conference came to an end with a three-on-three debate over the existence of capital punishment. The debate ended with the Teacher- Director marvelling at statements of delegates such as, “you believe in an eye for an eye, but I believe in a bite for a bite because humans don’t bite” and “there would be more people alive if we had capital punishment.”

The second day highlighted the growing confidence of the delegates and ended with the closing sound of the gavel.



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CONSUMING CRISIS

On 23rd May, 2022 17 regiments outside Mykolaiv were captured. There were no attacks and no civilians were harmed in the process. The committee postulated the city to be under attack instead of it being a mere deception trick.

Today is 24th May, 2022. A telegram arrived stating Mykolaiv has been captured, only Russian armies are currently present and no Ukrainian forces are to be found.

The committee kicked-off with the motion to commence Public Speaker's List (PSL) on the crisis that arrived on 23rd May.

The Minister of Russia declared that it is only using a fraction of its power and refuses to back down. It will move forward if it has to, further commenting "this is not a threat but a fact."

Russia also assured "to do something for the children of Ukraine" once the war has ended. China claimed to give their full support to Russia and firmly announced- "China doesn't do this very often, but requests NATO to back off". Russia and its allies believe that NATO is expanding and capturing lands and Russia is solely protecting its citizens. Further Russia mentioned "what is NATO trying to protect itself from?"

The committee was awestruck to find another telegram arriving at the summit. The telegram stated "the port of Odessa is under blockade by the Russian Flotilla. All land and sea routes are closed. All Ukrainian activity in and out of Odessa has also been seized.



The committee moved forward with the Robin Round with Netherlands as their first speaker. Belarus and the Netherlands believe that this unjust decision of Russia is directly affecting the economic growth and is destroying the countries that aren't even at war with it. Alternatively, countries like Turkey and India feel Ukraine is playing the victim card when it was Ukraine who established the Martial law. After the Luncheon, The Bharat Express brought some news to light 'Catastrophic Coronavirus Outbreak in Central and South- Central Africa!'



At this the Minister of Austria urged the world powers to stop being selfish. Furthermore, he asked them to help by providing aid in the health sector as they have no problem funding warfare. Majority of the nations were ready to distribute vaccines, PPE kits, capital etc to give a helping hand to Africa.

China later urged Russia and Ukraine to stop fighting for a piece of land, because their decision was making everyone suffer. Later, when accused of fighting over lands in the past, by the Minister of USA, China clearly stated "Indian Kashmir, Taiwan and Hong Kong are rightfully Chinese properties."

After exchanging more views on the said topic, Ukraine gave a flabbergasting statement "Ukraine agrees to not join NATO, if Russia agrees to give Crimea, including the natural gas reserve back to Ukraine, withdraws all army troops and agrees to never try to invade or run military drills near its borders without permission," to which China replied "the last thing China likes is war." Further he clarified if NATO doesn't move back there will be a war and the only person to blame will be NATO itself.

Russia also expressed its disappointment to not have support from India on the current matter and urged Ukraine to simply surrender. Further he stated "mass destruction is imminent, as many countries are getting involved."

The committee was met with yet another surprise when a letter from the Prime Minister of India arrived ordering to facilitate peace negotiations at Hyderabad House. If the conflict persists then the Indian army will not be able to procure weapons which are desperately needed for the armed forces of India.

Australia supported the clause but not the idea of brining peace by handing over weapons from one hand to the other.

After constant discussions, disputes and deliberations the committee came to an end with passing of the Directive.

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IF THE IP DIDN'T SEE IT, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

THE IP INTRODUCED THE
BUCKET-LIST.
HERE'S WHAT WE HAVE



THEY GOT THE MOVES



"GO FOR LUNCH!!"
(CHAIR OF ICJ EXPOSED)



CHANGING ALLIANCES
FOR THE LOVE OF
CANDIES

PHOTOMONTAGE

