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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"The Conclusive Abode."

21 Sept 2014 | Arham Siddiqui

It's time to blur the lines of communities and religion, walk with pride; bereft of feelings of isolation. As a fruitful debating session merges with its inevitable end, we anticipate a conclusive resolution, Arham Siddiqui reports from the General Assembly...

The second day deliberation commenced with a concrete approach by the delegates to propose an intellectual stance on the agenda. The delegate of Belgium called for an urgent need to discuss the indigence of women.



He proposed access to quality education, a share in property and cultural awareness which shall prove instrumental in their welfare. The delegate of Russia suggested the constitution of a commission to promote the sake of minorities. A combined initiative by media and education sector can disseminate the motto of eradicating the stereotype in the first place, rather than seeking remedies to curb their outflow, he enunciated.

Commenting upon the contribution of women in the economic domain, the delegate of Thailand pointed that women only constitute a meagre share of 10% of the earning workforce, and their increased participation relates directly to their social upliftment. The representative of Italy firmly emphasised on the role of military of developed nations to assist in fostering peace in interethnic instances of violence in neighbouring nations. He threw light on the role played by the Italian army in reconstructing and stabilising Iraq and peace projects by NATO. The Delegate of France elaborated on Xenophobia and how Sharia law demeans the rights of immigrants by imposing insufferable laws, violating UN's promise to protect human rights.

The Delegate of Romania mentioned the deplorable condition of Afro- Americans and how their rights are still ignored.

Aptly said, to improve is to change and to main for perfection is to change often. Thus, the committee brought the following solutions to light!



ECONOMIC & SOCIAL COUNCIL

"Devising Sustainable Plans" 21 Sept 2014 | Pankhuri Aggarwal

Heads in their hands, shuffling through papers and indulging in fierce negotiations, the revived enthusiasm of the delegates marked the start of a promising day. The session began with the delegate of Iraq stating he was honored to be a representative in the prestigious ECOSOC, however he seemed to be confused about the very agenda of the committee.

Battling to be heard and understood, the second day saw an increase in the involvement of the delegates in the committee discussions. The conventional domination of the Euro and the Dollar was witnessed, as the delegates of USA and France, who were the key players of the committee, came up with plausible solutions with regards to the agenda.



The turning point of the session was the formation of the working paper which made all the members put on their thinking caps to reach viable conclusions. Lobbying, voicing of opinions, operative and pre-ambulatory clauses seemed to engulf the room. The nervousness of being in a committee, as technical as the ECOSOC, finally caught up to the delegates. What was a mundane session in the morning, transitioned into a thought-provoking and fierce debate! The Economic and Social Council, which is considered to be the epitome of ambition and achievement, began crafting a new sustainability-focused agenda.

USA showed unwavering confidence as the placard of the world's largest economy never seemed to rest. While some delegates were confused not only about their country's policies, but also national attire, the delegate of United Kingdom was seen bustling with ideas. There were instances of drowsy eyes and dropping heads amidst the heated environment and some fluttering eyes towards the vice president.

On the crossroad of opinions, came a light that guided the committee to move forward. The committee in an equivocal voice believed that it was imperative to expand the reach of every MDG to landlocked countries, small island nations and conflict-stricken areas. Though the committee could not devise a resolution, a press release came as a collaboration of extensive research and debating. The two days of deliberation, negotiation, rousing debates and path-breaking ideas culminated leaving a mark on each of these bright minds, promising to produce future leaders.



HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

"The Comradery Comes to an End..."

21 Sept 2014 | Srishti Jain

Human Rights Council- where the delegates only talked the talk but couldn't walk the walk.

The committee succeeded in finally preparing not one but two working papers, considering some influential delegates strongly opposed this action- the IP wonders why. Many delegates showed active participation in the process of deliberation over the first working paper, which came as a pleasant surprise due to the lack of progressiveness in the previous committee session. Impeccable suggestions, doubts, apprehensions and solutions were raised. The nominees did not fail to highlight the loopholes in the working paper.



Delegates of Pakistan and Israel raised some very interesting and noteworthy points. It seemed that the committee had at last woken up from a reverie.

The Council members engaged in constructive criticism in order to not just strengthen and rectify the operations which are already in place but also devise new methods of action and reaction. The committee witnessed an err moment when the delegate of Russia felt the need to send a presidential statement to the Executive Board despite the absence of any crisis. When the Executive Board announced that the lunch will take place during the committee session in the hall, the faces of delegates were as blanched as their sandwiches. Within a few moments of the announcement, committee moved into an un-moderated caucus to draft a resolution. However, some of them were "busy" eating rather than debating, making the un-moderated caucus an un-moderated feast. Delegates of Japan and Austria were engrossed in their phones and didn't seem to be in tandem with the rest of the committee, losing sight of the fact that voting taking place.

Two draft resolutions were finally presented by the committee. Negotiators engaged in a clause-by-clause reading and fiercely deliberated over the same. Questions were fired, doubts were raised, the committee's level of debate finally escalated.

As the curtains fall on the fist installment of Delhi IIT MUN, the Human Rights Council comes to an end with a passed resolution and a pleased committee.



THE SECURITY COUNCIL

"MUN ki Shakti"
21 Sept 2014 | Gitanjali Kamra

The session started on a slightly mundane note, perhaps due to lack of participation and absence of a number of delegates. The committee was clear that the Russian Federation should exercise restraint over the attempted assassination of Russian president Vladimir Putin by Crimean elements.

An update given on reports of Russian newspapers over the supposed death of Vladimir Putin and the successive bombing of Moscow, security lapses and civil unrest kept the committee on its feet and brought with it renewed energy and interest.



The Delegate of the Russian Federation condemned the civil unrest and called for the citizens of Russia not to fall prey to the media, however credible it may seem. International aid from USA was declined and the idea of carrying out counter-terrorism operations in neighbouring states was put forward.

The delegates strongly condemned the idea of taking any action without prior investigation, and that ties with Russia would be severed for any violation of civil rights. The Delegate of People's Republic of China also stated support to Ukraine in case of any provocation by the Russian Federation. The committee was clear that Russia must act on humanitarian grounds rather than take any rash decisions and that support would be provided to Russia to overcome the social and political unrest that was threatening its peace. The Delegate of Ukraine left quite an impact on the committee with the statement that in Ukraine's opinion, as well as that of the global community, Russia was providing arms and ammunition to the rebels.

The moderated caucus on the question of recognition of states proved to be the highlight of the day, as the session transitioned into a full-fledged war of words, with the recognition of Crimea as independent being heatedly discussed. A press release on the independence of states and international recognition was conducted wherein the delegates presented their statements with élan.

As curtains fall on the first edition of AIESEC DIMUN, the committee reminisces the past days of extreme dialogue, debate, raised tempers and decibel levels, as well as the amalgam of a number of creative minds reaching decisions and conclusions which would ultimately affect the world community – here's to a huMUNgous success!



"Pursuit of a bird's nest..."

21 Sept 2014 | Vidushi Sabharwal

Twenty-three years down the Dal with buried bêtes noires, the Pandits and their wives and children were subjected to indignities and brutalities and driven out of their homeland, the State of India watched with hands resting under their chins pitying, as the plans of the ISI to change the demographic composition of the Kashmir Valley in order to make it a predominantly Muslim area were sought to be implemented by the jihadis trained by the ISI.

The pusillanimous Central Government was caught napping and its agencies in the State, particularly the army and other para military forces, did not consider it necessary to intervene, in the absence of any orders.

Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits phoned everyone in authority at Jammu, Srinagar and Delhi, to save them from the sure catastrophe that awaited them but it was mainly a one-sided relationship of expectations and sustenance.

BUT TONIGHT "What could have been done?" is all that I see on the news today, and by the end of the night the issue remains chained in the old rusted shackles of politics and bureaucracy. There was one man, R.N.Kao, a Kashmiri himself, who was the legendary founding father of the Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW). The father of Kashmiri pandit orphans, seamlessly nagging the supposed POWERFUL officials and ministers to set right what has been ignored, to restore the honour and dignity of the Pandits. Though shattering it is to know, his toil and sweat dried off!

This editorial is a shoutout to the free and voicing media to deem worthy of its ink and paper and become the mic&medium for the abandoned Kashmiri pandits and give them what is theirs to cherish. Take the nation with you and prove to be a democracy of the people, by the people erasing the lines of minorities and varied religious ethnicities.

Tsari chu kand thari peth karar" (a bird is content when it is on its own branch)



Isha Misra



"MUNtypical"

21 Sept 2014 | Geetika Rai

There are certain stereotypical delegates to be spotted at every MUN, no conference is complete without them, and the International Press enjoys their share of the fun by reporting on them.

The MUN doll:

This type includes those girls who love dressing up, clad in expensive clothes, and carry an even expensive laptop bag. They serve as a motivation for the other delegates to endure an unbearable committee session. Being the apple of the committee, it is amazing to see how their mascara, or lipstick never budge and last as long as 8 hours!



Miss keel heel!

Girls, I know owning a pair of killer heels is a status symbol, but flaunting them when you can't walk properly is an insult. It is not a pretty sight to see you walk with band-aids and bruises ruining those gorgeous heels! Also owing to your wobbly walk you might just be too late to save the world.



Alice in Wonderland:

Do you know how it feels to be in a place you hate, or confined within a box with no way out? Well this type of delegate is well versed with that feeling. They take refuge in playing games on their phones, or merrily dozing off, and sometimes take selfies just to see if they still look hot when bored.

Exec Board favourite:

This type is the most annoying, from running errands, to bribing the EB with their oh-so-lovely compliments; they will do everything in their capacity to impress them! You will see them running after the Exec board as soon as break starts, chatting up and flaunting their extensive research and knowledge.

The flirts:

Chits are their only source of communication to connect with their future love interests, as pigeons are way too mainstream (-cough- sarcasm intended). They don't care if the world is crumbling down, or the committee is in continuous crisis, the first thing on their agenda is checking 'hot' people out. 'Patience' is not their cup of tea, as they jump at every opportunity to make or break possible relationships. We can only wish them luck for their future love endeavors at their next MUN!



INSIGHT

“Disregard Logic, Acquire Oil”

21 Sept 2014 | Abhishek Bhan

Hypocrisy is a terrible, wretched thing, yet somehow it finds its way into some of the most powerful minds in the world. Over the past few decades, centuries even, we have seen the Western powers of the US and UK, along with all their mindless followers, have molested nations all over the world in order to fulfil their own selfish desires. People across several generations have seen both forceful subjugation and shadowy manipulation carried out by these self-satisfying individuals in the name of “peace” and “democracy”. With the dry, war-torn region of Eastern Europe set as the stage, the same powers hope to once again do what they do best: simultaneous deception of the masses and achievement of profit driven objectives.

Ukraine was a country desperately in need of help. Billions of dollars were not going to vanish from the US Treasury’s secret stash and magically appear in the hands of President Yanukovich. Sure, a nice little deal was being worked out with the IMF, but after our own country’s experience with international finance loans, I understand the need to avoid such a deal. Instead, Ukraine looked to its neighbour, the Kremlin, for help, and who could resist a juicy, 15 billion dollar, solve-all-your-problems bailout? After all, President Putin would not hesitate to help out a fellow country in need, and if the country wished to join his planned Eurasian Union then it was a win-win situation.

Unfortunately, despite the deal going through, the people were not happy. While Southern and Eastern Ukraine housed a large majority of Russian natives, the rest of the nation was in outrage over the change, and hundreds of thousands of protestors took to the streets and captured several government buildings. It is a tragedy that the government responded to the unrest with such violence and ruthlessness. President Yanukovich fled the nation, protestors were shot at, and turmoil spread across the region. In an attempt to save the people of his motherland, Putin sent out forces to annexe the regions of Crimea and Sevastopol. Crimea wilfully and legally joined Russia, and Sevastopol was taken without force. This was called an act of war and invasion, and once again the Western powers appeared to be the saints they wish to be, systematically cutting off ties with Russia.

As the violence grew more intense, Russia called off its troops and called for a ceasefire. But the leadership of Ukraine, now under the influence of external forces, had other interests. Political and civil unrest persists in Ukraine, and Putin himself is unsure when it will end. Meanwhile, the puppet masters of the West continue to work just beyond the reach of our vision, as they always have.



OVER THE PHONE-CALL

OC

Q. What is the hardest part of your job?

This is the first edition of our MUN, so getting in delegates was the first Herculean task for us. Making arrangements for everything for these two days has been really problematic due to last-minute hitches and glitches. Coordinating & communicating with everybody from the OC and giving a memorable and best MUN experience for the delegates is what we wished for... and hopefully have achieved.

Q. Which is your favorite committee and why?

Our favorite committee is SC because the moment when Crisis was introduced, the committee really picked up and the discussion & debate escalated to a whole new level.

Q. What is your worst fear about this conference?

Firstly the footfall of this conference. Moreover the level of debate and discussions in the committees matter, which make or break the conference.

Secretary General

Q)We'd like your opinion on the conference so far.

It's really picking up. There are a lot of first timers but there's no apprehension about public speaking. The logistics are really sorted, and the OC and Secretariat are a nice advantage. I also like how well the delegates have researched backgrounds and policies.

Q)Tell us about your MUN experience.

I only started MUNing last year at Shaheed Bhagat Singh, and I found the concept to be very fascinating. I made it a regular activity, and I developed under the tutelage of many other experienced MUNers. It has really helped me a lot.

Q)Do you ever feel like the King of Bollywood?

Yes.

IP Head

Q. Describe being the IP head in one word?

Elxhausted(elated & exhausted)

Q. How do you portray a serious image while falling-of-the-chair laughing?

I believe in a horizontal framework when it comes to working in a team. My editors are as empowered as I am. The nod of everybody in the team is essential in all the decisions we make.

Q. Share your craziest memory of organizing and heading in DIMUN.

Being all ears to the catharsis of every OC member from 8-11 pm everyday...

Q. Give one word for your IP team members(considering you remember the names :P).

Geetika- brutally honest

Vidushi- half-crazy

Abhishek- sleepyhead

Geetanjali- goody-two-shoes

Pankhuri- inquisitive

Srishti-zealous

Arham- hyper

Isha- imaginative

Aditya- animated

Chinmay- on-toes-forever

Q. May we have the literati's words to conclude this amazing conference?

Compassion, patience. love should be the three basic necessities of life, instead.



**THEY
SAID
IT**

ECOSOC

>Italy blatantly stated "hona tha jo hogaya". No wonder your country is facing a debt crisis, delegate..

>Brazil was naive enough to state that the private sector would provide subsidies. Of course delegate, and Lord Voldemort would be ready to give away the Deathly Hallows ?

SC

>The Delegate of People's Republic of China states that it has absolute respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of nations. The International Press wonders if this bully can say the same for its neighbouring countries!

>The Delegate of the Russian Federation states that when NATO does "it", the whole world stands up but when we do "it", no one does. (if you're wondering what "it" is, worry not since the delegate concerned was unclear on the same *cough*)

SRG

>USA in response to Pakistan: "It's rather funny that Pakistan is talking about double standards."

GA

"The very first step to perform in Model UN is speaking."

-Chair Sharukh Ali

"Iraq is pre dominantly an Islamic country with Sunnis and Shias which are Muslims."

-Delegates of Argentina

THE VALKYRIE



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