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Snapchat Corner





ARTICLE: GA 1

By Tom Pham



We arrive at the last day in the GA1 committee and everyone is excited as ever. Unlike previous days, the GA1 council didn't only proceed straight to debate time but they had also started earlier than schedule. I can be said that the debate simply cannot be waited for. Even the admins were high on energy as their movements around the rooms quickens from their normal paces they had the days before.

The early debate session began with a fairly well made resolution combating the issue of cyber warfare. The resolution primarily aims toward cyber terrorist internationally. Although some clauses were generally opposed by the house like the one where the government will inflict terror as a measure to regulate security, amendments were submitted and perfected the already well done resolution. It passes overwhelmingly as the result. The second one about cyber security and warfare however, failed horribly due to several contradictions and ambiguity.

The highlight of the day's debate lies within the third and final resolution submitted by the U.S. concerning WMDs. Although the resolution wasn't anything out of the ordinary. The argument over it between DPRK and the Republic of Korea was most definitely interesting. While opposing the resolution, in his speech the delegate of DPRK quoted his "supreme leader:"

He did so in his native language and it was difficult to decipher the quote. But it was rather unexpected and the whole house broke order and clapped loudly. Though it didn't stop there. The Republic of Korea responded to DPRK speech by replicating his tactics. Quoting his president, the republic of Korea also received applause after calling DPRK's "supreme leader" "stupid Kim Jong-Un." The debate soon turned outrageous and the Chairs were forced to emphasize their power. In the end the succeeded resolution of America imprinted the impression of the debate over it on the day.

After the events that had taken place, it was not surprising that the delegates would comment "That was the funniest debate ever." That quote alone sums up the whole experience within GA1 for the past three days. Indeed time in this committee is surely worth remembering.





ARTICLE: GA 2

By An Hoang



General Assembly 2 started with main submitter Cyprus's resolution hoping to solve the issue of the Eurozone Crisis. With her opening herself to any and all points of information, this delegate impressed the House with her fluent language and deep understanding of the issue. The first amendment striking the first clause was passed with 24 votes for and 25 votes against, leaving the resolution with only 6 clauses, making it on the verge of disqualification. However, the next amendment - that imitates the recently-struck clause with just the addition of the word 'new' - was passed. After multiple intense speeches were made, the resolution as a whole was passed.

Main submitter Spain's concerns about providing everyone with equal access to healthcare was represented in his resolution. Unfortunately, his overwhelming passion had stabbed him in the back, causing him to be suspended him from speaking until he had calmed himself down. The resolution caused a lot of uprising tension in General Assembly 2, putting the chairs in difficult situations several times. USA's amendment to the second degree stating striking clauses 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 was passed, leaving the resolution with only 4 clauses. The resolution was not passed since it did not qualify the minimum number of clauses.



Sadly, the next resolution did not share the same fate. India's resolution regarding the question of development of agricultural methods, in the context of food and security was not passed. The delegation of Spain once again voiced his concern about the lack of spoken opinion from delegates in GA 2, and requested the House to contribute their reasons.



There is always a delegate in GA2 who...

- Abuses personal pronouns
- Looks too pretty *cough* UK *cough*
- Motions to extend to POI
- Follows up to the second degree
- Has to stay at least 10cm from the microphone
- Does not answer POIs but simply restate them
- Uses their electronic devices
- Refuses to speak in whatever circumstances
- Takes their role a little too far

Superlatives:

- Best dressed*
- Male: Head Chair MinJe
- Female: Pakistan
- Hottest/most attractive
- Male: Head Chair MinJe
- Female: Admin Moon Jung
- Best couple: DR Congo & DPRK and Uruguay & Spain

- Most passionate: Spain
- Most charming: Spain
- Most like to start WW3: Spain
- Most likely to be the next SG: Cyprus
- Most like to overthrow the UN: Spain
- Most likely to be a One Directioner: USA
- Sassiest: Spain
- Will look the best in a Cinderella dress: Spain
- Most likely to be crying in pain because of high heels: DR Congo
- Loves ponies the most: UK
- Sleepiest: ROK
- Delegate with the best 'death stare': Germany
- Most likely to end up like Adele: Chairs
- Most polished shoes: Admin Moon Jung and Greece



ARTICLE: GA 3

By Kelly Han

Day 3 in GA 3 began excitingly with delegates chatting nonstop with one another. At the beginning, before going to the debate, the Chairs called all the delegates to vote for the Superlatives, probably the funniest part of SAIMUN.

The main submitter, Spain opened the conference with the problem of overpopulation. She had listed out clearly many methods to control the population including education, contraception, as well as the lands concern. However, it seemed this resolution needed a lot more valuable amendments from other delegates to make it more perfect. The most important point of this issue, education was primarily focused on. Thanks to the contribution of delegates of the House, the resolution passed after an intensive debate.

Moving on, the next resolution was regarding World Heritage Sites' problems represented by Spain. This delegate had given out a detailed resolution as he emphasized the importance of education as well as including solutions for the organization such as UNESCO or even governments. After a fruitful debate discussing back and forth, this resolution had finally passed.

The Chairs broke the stressful atmosphere by chatting a little bit about the superlatives. Especially, admins can be voted by the delegates as well. The negligence made the one person who had always devoted her time writing articles in the corner of the room extremely sad. :(

At the end of the conference, the Chairs turned on music so that everyone can dance altogether, lightening the intense debate mood in the room.

SUPERLATIVES:

Best-dressed

Male: Chair

Female: Philippines

2. Hottest/ Most attractive

Male: Chair

Female: Philippines

3. Best couple

Russia & Honduras

Panama & Chad

4. Most passionate

Chad

5. Most charming:

Philippines

6. Most likely to start WW3

Spain



7. Most likely to be the next Secretary General
USA, Philippines, Male Chair
8. Most likely to overthrow the United States
Chad
9. Most likely to be a One Direction
Chad
10. Saggiest
Panama
11. Will look the best in a Cinderella dress
USA
12. Most likely to be crying in pain because of high
heels
Pakistan
13. Loves ponies the most
Republic of Korea
14. Sleepiest
France, Brazil, Somalia, Czech, Syria, Iran
15. Best "death stare"
Spain, USA, Italy, Panama, Philippines, Chad
16. Most likely to end up like the Adele
Philippines
17. Most polished shoes
Chad



ARTICLE: ECOSOC

By Katie Cao



Day 3 of the ECOSOC started with a resolution about the promotion and integration of sustainable urban growth. The main submitter, the delegate of the Philippines, emphasized the how important it is “to implement programs of urban renewal and slum upgrading” and “to eradicate and mitigate poverty in rural areas”. He was confident about his resolution and compared it to “The Powerpuff Girls”. The delegates of Uruguay, Ghana, and Cyprus also showed support for this resolution as they were co-submitters and asked for the House’s approval toward it. Even though this resolution was overall wonderful, there were some minor flaws. Ironically, the delegate of Uruguay submitted Amendment to strike the sub-clause about the government’s support for airfare reimbursements. He stated that the government couldn’t pay for all citizens’ flights. Due to the justifiable reasoning provided by the delegate of Uruguay, the amendment passed. The resolution as a whole had effective ideas and were very well written. That is why there were no surprised when it was passed.

The last resolution to be discussed in ECOSOC was about international trade development. This resolution encountered a number of amendments. The delegate of Uruguay struck two clauses: (1) “filing legislation in order to prevent harmful organizations from illegal trading” for being “pointless,” and (2) “use of military force if necessary” for violating peaceful trading. Both of these amendments were passed. Eventually, the resolution as a whole was passed. To sum up, there were five over six resolutions that were passed in the ECOSOC.

There were a special segment called the superlatives which delegates chose other delegates that fit to the categories given. Some notable ones were “The next Secretary General” for the delegate of Afghanistan, “The delegate who will most likely to start WW3” for the delegate of Uruguay, “The delegate who were most likely to be a One Directioner” for the delegate of Uganda, and “The best beatboxer” for the delegate of Togo.

After that, the conference was closed in a happy and satisfying atmosphere.





ARTICLE: EC

By Maria Ho



The third day of SAIMUN conference commenced with a short hour for all delegates of the Environmental to make some last changes to their resolutions. Both delegates and chairs tried to finalize the resolutions so that the debate sessions was able to start as soon as possible. With tremendous effort showed, the Environmental Commission were able to debate the total of four resolutions within day two of SAIMUN regarding all three of the issues: the disposal of chemical and waste, the transition to green economy, and the illegal wildlife trade.

Two out of four resolutions debated were about the disposal of chemical waste. Countries like China, Uruguay, Brazil, and Congo presented much of their interests regarding this issues as they made up the majority of time of debating. As the first resolution's main submitter, Uruguay suggested that his group resolutions aimed to build a community with long lasting knowledge regarding sustainable environment through the means of government regulations, education, and awareness. However, other delegates concern the safety of some of the concepts in the resolutions because of the requirement to approach hazardous landfills. In addition, some delegates questioned the potential of the resolution due to the vagueness and broadness of it.

Answering and erasing these concerns from the delegates, Uruguay and Congo stated that the vagueness of the resolution is signifying the diversity of each and every country. In addition, there should always be safe viewing distance and protected gears. With many submissions for amendments from the house and some strong oppositions from few delegates such as China, the future of this resolution was unsure. Disregarding this, the delegate of Uruguay stated in a response to press member that "This resolution will pass, the strengths of our team arguments can outweigh the uncertainties of other delegates."

Unfortunately, the resolutions fail to pass due to the overwhelming majority of against votes.

China and other countries submitted another resolution in another attempt to solve the issues of waste and chemicals disposal. In his opening speech, China assures that this resolution is the most effective and fastest way to solve the issue.





ARTICLE: HRC

By Duc Ho



The final day of the Human Right Council was a very calm day as nothing big similar to the case of DPRK's resolution happened. Everything was able to transit smoothly without any problem excluding some mistakes that the chairs made within the the span of debate. Nothing unexpected showed up as the last two resolutions were about the question of women power and decision making which were submitted by Italy and Brazil.

Unsurprisingly these two resolution passed with an overwhelming vote for as it was already clear the majority of the delegate support the notion women's rights. However those two resolution didn't pass without raising any big concern that these resolution had address. First of all, the resolution that was submitted by Italy had raised a number of concern regarding the funding required for this resolution to be applicable in addition to couple of point raised by other delegates about the lack of certain aspect regarding to women's rights, mainly sexual violence. Nonetheless, after a long period of time explaining and a few amendment by Italy and it's supporter that most delegates believe to had resolved the issues, allowing the resolution as a whole to pass with 36 vote for, 2 vote against and 10 abstain.

However, the resolution that was submitted by Brazil raised a much bigger concern which is this is a sexist resolution as pointed out by several delegate. Many delegates had pointed out that some of the clause within the resolution to give women's unfair advantage over man, mainly clause 6. Although many questions were raised and attempts to change were made, the misinterpretation about the idea of this sexist notion within the resolution had been resolved thanks to the throughout explanation of Brazil and it's supporter. In addition, a few more small changes were made to address some unclear aspect of the resolution were made which allow the resolution as a whole to pass.

Overall, the Human Right Council was able to enjoy itself through the course of three tiring day of establishing and debating on resolutions with utmost efforts from all delegates. No matter how split the House can be on certain resolution, it is accepted as a whole that everyone had enjoyed SAIMUN 2016 as either their first time, last time or just one of the countless times of life.





ARTICLE: SC

By Annie Trieu

“The delegate of New Zealand is suspended from making speeches as well as making any Point of Information unless he is the main submitter giving a speech for the clause,” says Chair. Unfortunately, this delegate was deprived of his right to speak as he gave many death threats and insults.

This incident happened when the House was debated upon the question of situation in Iraq and Syria. The delegate of New Zealand suggested a sub-clause that aimed to remove the President of Syria. He also condemned the President Assad to treat his civilians like animals and killed them, thus he must be punished by the International court of Justice. However, during his speech, he had spoken many strong and extreme words that insulted the President of Syria, saying that “people who treat others like animals will be treated as animals.” Although this sub-clause has received many supports from other delegates, they were still uncomfortable with this delegate’s use of word choice.

In addition, the delegate of China felt offended and very outraged at other delegate’s attitudes towards the Mandarin language. In the resolution for the question of situation in Liberia, the delegate of China urged to introduce both English and Mandarin to Liberia.

However, other delegates soon opposed to this proposal as they stated that the introduction of Mandarin Chinese to the country is not necessary since it is concentrated in only one area, whereas English is more widespread. Unfortunately, this amendment did not pass.

Nevertheless, despite the ups and downs happened during the debate, both resolutions were successfully passed and ended the intense debate in the Security Council.

PLENARY SESSION



Pictures

01 Clearly see the love
in his eyes

02 Selfie time!

03 I don't know~~~

04 All hail New Zealand
(except Chairs)

05 Something smell
good~~~

06 Best of friends

07 New means of
communication

