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Foreword

Whilst heading into the monumental endeavor that is journalism, we came across a quote by the infamous Sebastian from The Little Mermaid that we thought befitting in light of this APLMUN: "...Listen to me. The human world – it's a mess." (No argument there, for sure. And yes, we just quoted Disney. Disney is more profound than one might think.).



Press exists because journalism helps sculpt the public's opinions on the world's many messes. APLMUN has been a venture to deal with the uglier parts of humanity - the recent messes, frolics, blood, and insurmountable deaths.



We, the organizing committee of APLMUN, are more than glad that you are a part of this venture. So, read this year's edition, and let us be the chisel to your sculpture! (Please tell us you understood that). Au revoir!



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👋 **Hey, World Press!**
Make us look cute! 🙌

~Zulaikha,
Co-Chair of ECOFIN

HCR

Day one of HCR began rather slowly, with many new and inexperienced delegates. An awkward atmosphere shrouded the room, but a few jokes cracked by the chair (Maitreyi Sundar) and co chair (Cynthia Damodaran) at the expense of the delegates of Saudi Arabia and Syria lightened the mood, and the committee was soon underway. The vote for the agenda took place, and agenda one (actions taken towards the repatriations of Middle Eastern refugees) was chosen. As the GSL began, it became apparent that the delegates of UNHCR were eager to discuss the topic at hand, and displayed brilliant prowess and ability.



A few notable contenders were the delegates of Iran, Indonesia, Syria and Sri Lanka. Syria soon proved to be the clown of committee, with his various antics. After a quick snack break, the committee, previously inactive, was in full swing. During the GSL, many important points were raised about warzones, borders, refugees, funds, etc. The sincerity and the research skills of the delegates really shone through. Some hilarious exchanges during the GSL and the moderated caucus are listed below; after all, all work and no play makes jack a dull boy (Courtesy of Syria, Saudi Arabia and the Chair).



Chair: Delegate of Syria, it is now your turn to speak for the moderated caucus topic, "Effective and safe repatriation"

Syria: Yes. Before the delegate of Syria begins, the kind, benevolent, delegate of Syria- *Cue polite coughs*

Chair: *rolls eyes* Please refrain from using narcissism.

Syria: (eyebrows raised) The delegate of Syria will deliver this generous parcel to any country with a water shortage (raises glass of water, looks around eagerly)



Chair: *face palm*

The moderated caucus was a cacophony of laughter and ridicule, especially during the delegate of Saudi Arabia's speech, when he made a few controversial statements.

Saudi Arabia: Refugees should travel with psychologists on any medium of transport.



This was met with eye rolls, laughter and groans, especially when the chair, sharply asked if the HCR was responsible for providing luxury air travel or if the reason the delegate was so fixated on the topic was because of any personal experiences he had.

HCR

The continued GSL after the hilarious moderated caucus was also riddled with laughter, due to the actions of our "favourite" delegate Saudi Arabia, who was nearly suspended (of course, he got suspended eventually) after suggesting that all migrant workers were servants and mentally unstable. The chair threatened him with the gavel (and an early demise), and received cheers of approval from the rest of the committee. Soon after this, the committee moved into unmoderated caucus, in which the delegates split into two blocs due to a difference in opinions regarding the formation of the resolution. It was decided that both the formation as well as presentation of the resolutions would be concluded on day two of committee.



The session ended with all the delegates leaving with a buzz of energy and determination.

Day two of UNHCR began with bubbling enthusiasm by the delegates. By now, they had more experience, and the committee commenced on a much better note than yesterday. However, a thick air of anxiety hovered over the room as the delegates warily awaited the imminent crisis. The session started off with an unmoderated caucus to structure the resolution for agenda one as they could not complete it the preceding day.

After the 45 minute unmoderated caucus, presenting the resolutions began. Beginning with bloc one's, of which the main submitters were France and China, with the co-submitters; Israel Congo, Saudi Arabia. The resolution, named "1AB", was ruthlessly picked apart (possibly fueled by an exuberant competitive spirit) for any and every flaw by the on-watching delegates, but they were calmly justified. But despite this, many amendments were made.

After a brief snacks break, the committee was about to continue when the crisis occurred. ISIS had infiltrated all the committees, as well as the entire UN building. The admin staff turned out to be militants and anyone who tried to speak out or reciprocate would be shot and killed. An unfortunate victim was the delegate of Sweden who was shot for arguing. All committees and chairs would be shot if the demands were not met by 3 pm IST.

Along with this, bombs that were planted in all countries that had representatives in the Committees would be detonated. The demands stated that all host countries that had refugees inhabiting them would need to be transferred to a 400 acre field in central Iraq and trained to be ISIS militants.

And of course, the committee proceeded to break for lunch. After all, even terrorists have to eat! Resolutions were passed later on and the crisis at hand was being discussed and soon solved.

Best Quotes of the day:

1. Chair: Delegate of Saudi Arabia, if you say another word I will ASK the terrorists to shoot you.

Delegates: For the sake of the committee can the delegate of Saudi Arabia please be shot?

2. Admin: Sweden, you are now dead. Leave the room

3. Chair: DELEGATES, ARE YOU SERIOUSLY RAISING YOUR PLACARDS WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE SHOT?

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UNDP

It definitely wasn't an ordinary day at APL today. When UNDP's first session was initiated, tension slowly - yet drastically - increased throughout the room as the delegates prepared for their speeches. The agenda they chose was on the south-south cooperation. South Korea went first and kick-started this UNDP session. The delegate of South Korea mentioned the main aim for the south cooperation was to share knowledge and education. The delegate of Iraq went next and proposed to have another peace conference and take effective measures for said education.



The delegates of US, India and UK all supported this development. Lybia and Israel made excellent points and ensured the transparency of the cooperation. The delegate of Egypt made some very crucial and vital statements which definitely took the ballgame to a whole new level. Then Russia mentioned that the cooperation was important for Global Perspectives. Finally, the delegates of China, Bangladesh, Japan and Vietnam all agreed to the cooperation. The session ended as the lunch break began, to the satisfaction of many.



After the break, the delegate of Syria took lead for the eager continuation of the first session. The delegates who opted for agenda 1 had to create a working paper; a paper which concluded the whole of the first session. When the paper was done, delegates of South Korea and Israel took the stage to explain the document to the rest of the committee. Questions were asked, answers were given. The motion was then questioned after which it was passed, in order for people to then vote on a working paper.



The speeches for the second agenda was set in motion. It was about the Syrian attacks and refugees and this excited the delegate of Syria. Each and every time someone completed their speech, he would be the first to raise his hand to either comment or answer a question. In the wise words of our delegate of Syria, "Winning MUN is not based on how well you're prepared. It's based on how you present what you prepare." The day ended with a bang of the hammer by our Deputy Secretary General Anushka Prakash, and cheers once again followed.



UNDP

The delegates arrived at the UNDP room in western formals, looking absolutely classy - like men in black. An eager wave of excitement flooded the room as the session commenced. The reinstating of GSL had taken place smoothly, and day 2 had officially begun. China led the agenda with a very positive and strong start. The delegate of China mentioned that they were deeply worried for Syria and will provide humanitarian assistance. Later, Vietnam made an impactful speech about helping refugees by giving health care and also added that the government will be of full support, which caused the rise of many placards.



Throughout the duration of a vital and humorless debate between India and Indonesia, the jarring Samsung ringtone blared through the room, which instantly led to the delegates guffawing. The owner of the phone was the delegate of Iraq. Chairperson: "Delegate, please switch your phone to airplane mode."

Delegate: "I am incredibly sorry, Chairperson."



Confidence spread across the floor as the delegate of South Korea took stage. She raised, definitely the best question of the day, in which she mentioned delicately, yet daringly, that no country has the right to

ask other countries why they are not taking in refugees. The delegate also mentioned that Korea has donated \$5 million in aid for the refugees. Subsequently, the break took place after which the delegate of UK talked about bringing back the Syrian governments, reducing damage and the protection of Syrians. Afterwards, many delegates went on to make inspirational, positive and cherished speeches, and then a motion passed for a moderated caucus on rebuilding the economy for Syria. The most eagerly awaited moment of day 2 arrived as the crisis was announced. The crisis was: ISIS wants to take control of countries in Syria. They have held Putin and Assad hostages in an unidentified location and an unidentified source has sent information to the World Press informing them that it was the doing of USA's presidential nominee Donald Trump.



The Syrian rebels discussed whether or not Assad should be killed, since these cities in Syria were under control of the Syrian rebels. They had two options: the first one was that ISIS does not gain control, however that meant Assad & Putin must die; the other option was that ISIS and Trump obtain power, but Assad & Putin are spared. Finally, it was revealed that Donald Trump was innocent and hadn't conspired with the ISIS. The Syrian government changed their policies and was now against Assad, and thus the day came to an end. In the words of Pranaya (of APL), "Our committee was filled with happy people."

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“...peace, like war,
is waged.”
~George Clooney



Congratulations!



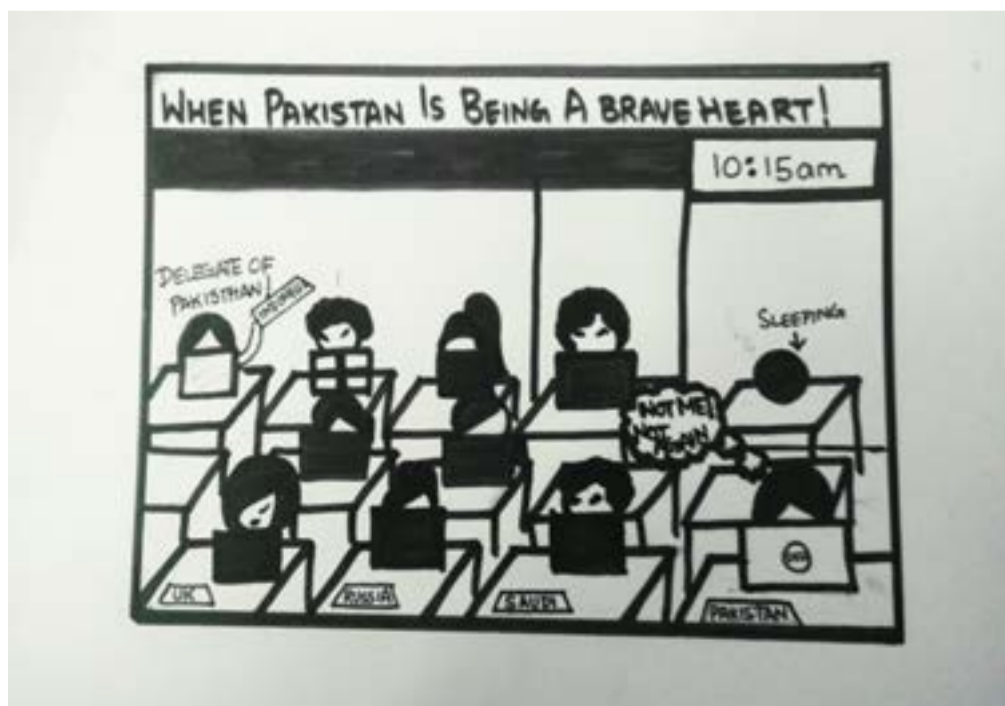
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 Best Delegate - Shyam Mohan (Sri Sankara Secondary)
 Best Delegate - Aditya Sriram (APL Global)
 Best FPS - Anniroodh Kumaraja (APL Global)

DISEC:
 Best Delegate - K. Deenan (Sri Sankara Vidyashrmam)
 Best Delegate - Sandhya Vidyashankar (APL Global)
 Best FPS - M. Pradeep (Vidyamandir)

ECOFIN:
 Best Delegate - Kessan N. (Vidyamandir)
 Best Delegate - Nandani Shrinivasan (St.Johns Public)
 Best FPS - Kailash V. Shrinivasan (Vidyamandir)

UNDP:
 Best Delegate - Simha Badri Narayanan (APL Global)
 Best Delegate - Ananya Sreekanth (DAV Public School)
 Best FPS - Vyshnavi Praveen (Shankara)

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ECOFIN

“The phenomenon of MNC’s having to move their production process back to their home countries or to the countries where they’re selling in order to reduce their costs is termed as Reverse Globalization” – Delegate of USA Committee commenced on day one with the majority voting to scrutinize the first agenda – ‘Understanding and Analysing the potential repercussions and benefits of Reverse Globalization.’



Initially the committee was uneventful and rather dull, but soon delegates articulated newer perspectives and different opinions were expressed. The delegates were ruthless, each country’s stance picked apart by the other delegates, who looked for faults in their speeches. Committee began to segregate into two teams – one for globalization and the other for reverse globalization, but some had their loyalties uncertain. The Debate continued, with the chairs having no mercy on those who were reluctant to take part.



When the delegate of Uganda was told he will be suspended for not having a question to ask one of the other delegates, his reply “How long?” earned him 30 seconds of staring at the conference room wall, much like a child forced to wear a dunce cap. This form of

punishment was followed for other delegates as well; the delegates of Australia and Argentina were forced to



turn their backs on the committee after engaging in crosstalk.

After lunch, delegates debated about veto powers for The Big Five – UK, USA, China, France, and Russia. The argument grew riotous, but came to standstill when co - chair slammed down her gavel on the table, startling the agitated delegates into silence. Committee reverted to formal session then.



The delegates continued to discuss the agenda, now focusing on the benefits of reverse globalisation in contrast to the repercussions discussed in session one. Heads turned in astonishment and scepticism when the delegate of France made a controversial statement pertaining to the possibility of France leaving the EU. Committee ended with an unmoderated caucus, which resulted in the same alliances formed during the course of the day and numerous selfies were exchanged between the delegate of Uganda and the organizing committee.

ECOFIN



Day 2 began where Day 1 left off, two resolutions presented to the chairs by the committee. Again, as discussion over them ensued, the delegates proceeded to pick over each clause, looking for faults. Both resolutions worked towards embracing reverse globalisation, but the first – drawn up by Sri Lanka – encouraged developing nations to embrace globalization – illustrating the conditions for such nations to opt to reverse globalisation.



After several amendments were sent in and multiple changes were made to clauses, the resolution was finally passed. The second resolution was also passed in a similar process, with several delegates questioning the necessity for two resolutions to be passed. After many complaints, and a day of waiting, the chairs finally allowed the delegates to raise a point of entertainment in reward for the successful formation of two resolutions for the first agenda. This committee's point of entertainment was like none other's, as the delegate of china and Lebanon were greeted by a round of thunderous applause when asked to dance to the song 'nakka makka', and twirled around the room, inelegantly.



As the committee began talks for the second agenda "Prevention of tax evasion following the Panama papers data leak", the admins, who so faithfully served the committee in every way, burst in, the insignia of ISIS emblazoned upon their chests and pistols in hand, pointing one at the chair and the delegate of USA. With smiling faces, the 'terrorists' said they would "shoot to kill" if their demands were not met. Their demands included conquering the oils fields of the world, monopolising the oil and increase its price by 5%. The committee erupted into action, chaos taking over the composure that had settled over them well into the second day,



The delegates of ECOFIN, while having a gun pointed at their heads proposed solutions to help overcome the unfortunate situation. With an update – the delegate of Lebanon learning that ISIS planned to wage war on them – the committee untied, despite their differences, to retaliate and support a country in need.

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DISEC

"When the day commenced and everything was quiet, none of us expected for it to turn out to be this amusing," said Chairperson of DISEC, Sreeniketh Raghavan. The disarmament committee usually holds potential irony for both comedic and "SYRIAS" (pun intended) discussion. The day started off with a buzz of tension in the air.



The delegates exchanged glances and grinned rather mischievously while a few murmured amongst themselves. There was one thing that all of them had in common, the anxious anticipation for the committee to begin. The EB was surprised to see what the delegates had in store for each other. It was a rather enriching experience, as most of the delegates were first time MUNners, giving them a learning platform to express themselves in the most



hilarious yet informative ways possible. The roll call was followed by the voting of agendas, which went rather hilariously, easing up the tension in the room. Watching the delegates open with their GSL speeches gave us an insight into the chosen agenda. The speeches began to crescendo as the delegates grew



comfortable with each other and more confident with themselves. The spotlight of the moderated caucus was stolen by the delegate of Israel with her ownage of the delegate of Belgium. The sass IS RAEL. The unintentional jester was the delegate of Belgium with his mishaps and antics. He probably should get his prioriTIES sorted out (This is the last one, promise). The real fun started as the committee moved on to the unmoderated caucus.



Despite the strings of profanities being flung around, the delegates managed to form one block and when asked to justify the decision, they responded with "This is UN, we are one!" supported by an uproar of cheers (only to be shut down by a foreign policy statement voiced by the co-chair, Divya Damodaran). As the gavel came crashing, the newly formed blocks started to get chaotic.

DISEC

The delegate of Russia had a tussle with the delegate of Iran as they were RUSSIAN for time. The working papers were soon handed in and opinions were voiced. Day 1 ended with a minority vote for working paper 2, giving the Middle East and Middle Eastern allies' block a chance to present their working paper to open Day 2. Day 2 commenced with excitement especially from the delegates as they finally got to know each other. All of



them were determined to prove themselves and make MUN the most memorable MUN they have ever attended. Day 2 started with Working Paper 2. The delegate of Czech Republic had a lot to comment about this. He felt that "the foundation (of the working paper) was built on quick sand..." Only to be mocked by the delegate of Syria with utmost sarcasm. "I would like you to elaborate more about the "quicksand" as your English is really great..." The entire room burst into laughter including the Chair. Next the delegate of Iran went



forward to speak about her working paper. Due to some weird confusion she had, she started speaking "against" the working paper instead of speaking "for" it.



She later rectified after the delegate of Belgium and DPRK pointed it out. Her face went as red as a tomato with embarrassment but fortunately the delegates were very accommodative of her mistakes. Amidst the formation of Resolution Cheesecake, the committee was brought forth an emergency crisis involving France, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia, which broke the monotony in DISEC. The room rumbled with opinions, rebuttals and comments, livening up the room once again.

The Sec.Gen took over as chairperson in the absence of Sreeniketh and did an excellent job as part of the DISEC EB.

All in all, Day 2 of DISEC was a success. Despite the arguments and obstacles faced whilst forming the resolution, the delegates of this year's DISEC put forth quite an enriching and informative sessions.



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From The Editors

We'd like to start off by saying that, creating a newsletter? No easy feat. Everything that you think could possibly happen, actually happened. Still, despite all the immense frustration, we have to admit that it was fun. We would like to thank Poorvesh and his assistant Prashanth for their hard work, commitment and cooperation while filming our video. Their talent was truly indispensable. Our reporters - Meghana, Tanusha, Divya, Aarthi, Rhia, Shreya, Aishwarya and Janani - worked wonders to create scintillating articles and we thank them, wholeheartedly, for staying attentive in committee. Rudra, Manasa and Mita were our artists for this APLMUN, and they broke the monotony with their creative cartoons. We are in awe of their work. The photographers - Sai Ajeet, Aleya, Sri Aditya and Pranav - helped brighten up our newsletter and capture memories we hope will be treasured for much of the time to come. We might sound like dotting mothers when we say this, but...we are so proud of all members of our team for working as hard as they did. Without them, this newsletter would have been nearly impossible. Finally, we'd like to thank Jhansi ma'am for guiding us every step of the way, Gita ma'am, Gomati ma'am and Kiran ma'am for giving us the opportunity to showcase impeccable talent, and Shirley ma'am, for saving us when our technical skills failed us (which was quite often). Last but not the least, this is to us. Being the Head of World Press is hard work and a role that is often overlooked, but it is a rewarding one nevertheless.

~Shwetha and Saleema, Heads of World Press 2016

