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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Delegates,

“More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations.”

I would like to start off by thanking you all for taking part in the 2nd edition of the BHISMUN and making it a success. Each and every individual's participation is what makes this event what it is today.

It gives the entire International Press team immense pleasure to present to you the the BHISMUN 2020 Day 2 issue, The MUN-Date, 15th August, 2020! The team has come up with exciting first issue after an entire day's worth of of hardwork.

The issue throws light on committee workings, team management and other skills being put to use by the delegates. The first day has indeed been enthralling! With active participation from delegates and intellectual discussions, we've seen the brightest minds debate each other about socio-political issues.

I would like to thank the Organising Committee, the Executive Board, the Management Team and also the International Press Committee for making this event a raging success.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue!

Harshita Jaitly,

Editor-in-Chief



UNSC

Second day in the UNSC commenced with the most enthusiastic start. The committee commenced discussions with the immensely informative agenda, 'The situation concerning Hong Kong'. The delegate of Australia took this as an opportunity to raise a motion for a moderated caucus concerning the topic of 'Citizenship being offered by UK'. This topic led to delegations participating in a General Speakers List and putting forth their points. Further in the committee, the agenda was set to 'Impact on the Tech Industry due to the situation concerning Hong Kong'. The committee voted in favor of the motion which sparked a highly interactive discussion between several delegations.

The committee proceeded to have the Executive Board review a working paper submitted by the delegates of Canada, UK, Belgium, China, France and Russia that spoke about the National Security Law. Delegates including Australia, UK, Belgium and others participated in a GSL that discussed this working paper. The delegates elaborated and clarified their intentions for listing the contents they have in the working paper

Then, a motion for a moderated caucus 'discussing the basic law' was passed. The committee participated in tremendously engaging conversations regarding this topic. Later on, the EB inquired the delegates for any points of motion, to which the Chinese delegation raised moderated caucus on 'Solutions to the Hong Kong protests.' The delegates eagerly voted in favor of this motion which gave rise to putting forth of thoughts by many delegations. In an unmoderated caucus that took a few talks later the delegates of UK, China, Russia, Canada and Australia authored a working paper concerning the topic, 'Migrant workers and their trouble' which was fiercely discussed in detail.

On a concluding note, the committee continued to work on their respective working papers. The delegations resolved with the promise to work on a resolution for day 3 which left the entire committee in eager anticipation and excitement for the next day.

BY DHAANI BISHNOI

RAW

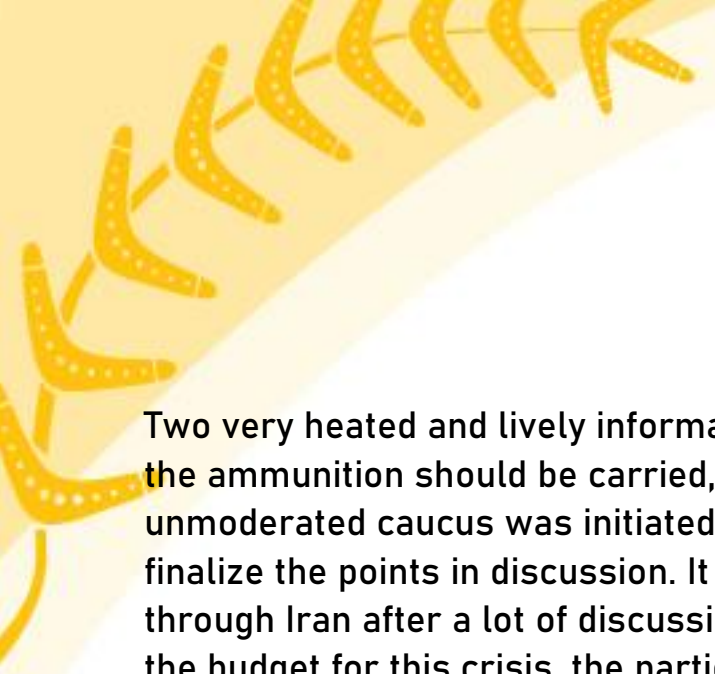
Day 2 in the RAW committee started off with the warm greetings of the Chair wishing all delegates a Happy Independence Day after which all of them were fuelled with patriotism.

The Members of Staff began by presenting a detailed plan of action against Pakistan using strategic and actionable means. It was continued by an unmoderated caucus initiated by the Joint Secretary of Naval Defence (JSND). The aim of this caucus was to focus on reallocation of resources and to discuss further details and to form alliances.

The committee, after the break was set to the agenda 'Suggesting ideas to improve the Plan of Action against Pakistan' initiated by the JSND. An unmoderated caucus took place immediately to draft a resolution paper regarding the recent changes in the plans. After a motion to entertainment took place, there were two resolutions made by JSND and the Envoy to Pakistan respectively.

It was a conflicting decision for both Deputy Secretary General and the Chair to ratify the resolution. In the end, both favoured the diplomatic resolution. As rightly said by the Deputy Secretary General, 'India as a country has never believed in war'. Thus, the resolution paper 'Diplomatic Methods' by the Envoy to Pakistan and her alliances was successfully approved. A motion to entertainment was passed which resulted in a hilarious question and answer round.

The committee resumed when the Deputy Secretary General informed them about the crisis. This crisis stated that how the RAW committee needed to transmit a decent amount of ammunition from their own fund and transport it via air, water, land etc. The Members of Staff started the General Speaker's List wherein the delegates spoke about the possible solutions to solve the given crisis.



Two very heated and lively informal debate sessions took place about how the ammunition should be carried, through Afghanistan or through Iran. An unmoderated caucus was initiated by the Head of Covert Operations to finalize the points in discussion. It resulted in the ammunition to be carried through Iran after a lot of discussion. The Resources Officer also allocated the budget for this crisis, the particular amount for each department in this caucus.

The committee continued with engaging discussions, trying to decide which Pakistani classified terrorist organization to support in order to solve the given crisis. The Members of Staff are extremely participative, enthusiastic and are very intrigued to find a way out of the crisis so as to complete the proposed agenda triumphantly.

Another unmoderated caucus was initiated in order to finally reach a proper solution. The committee resumes to discuss crucial factors for the transportation of the ammunition such as means of travel, route, specific department as well as taking the budget in consideration.

The Head of Technology Development, Joint Secretary of Army Force and Naval Defence as well as other Members of Staff actively take part, posing questions, having healthy arguments, commenting, researching etc. to come to a consensus. They negotiated with one of the terrorists in a very composed manner. The committee concluded with an unmoderated caucus to further discuss the plans. In culmination, RAW was very impressive and participative. The entire day was riveting.

BY TVISHA BAHADUR



DISEC

The day began with the delegates going to their respective breakout rooms for the Unmoderated Caucus. Later on, the committee continued the debate on the same motion from the previous day. The intensity of the debate increased, with the delegates participating impressively, this further led to the debate on the topic “Whether it is correct to say that any country which uses Biological Weapons Convention should be subjected to Economic Sanctions”.

The committee then moved onto the General Speakers List again. The committee decided to introduce and discuss the Working Paper ‘JoJo Rabbit’ proposed by the Delegation of Germany. The Working Paper strongly suggested Member states to develop frameworks for National Implementation. After the explanation of the working paper, the committee proceeded forward to an Unmoderated Caucus by the discretion of the Chair.

The next motion to pass was “The Introduction of the Resolution GA/1 /1.0” by the Delegate of Germany. The Resolution was passed unanimously and the session was wrapped up.

It was then recommenced by Motion of Entertainment. The second agenda was set to “Prevention of Arms Race in Space.” Following the break, the GSL continued. Later on, the Delegate of Canada proposed the motion “Space debris in lower earth orbit”. Some other motions were proposed by the delegates.

The session was concluded with yet another fruitful day.

BY BANAT KAUR & ALEXIA DSOUZA

UNHRC

On the second day, the committee continued discussing the four working papers from the previous day, with active participation. While discussing the working paper authored by Pakistan, Sudan, DPRK and China, the question “Should Yemen be divided into two states?” was raised. The working paper of USA, Egypt and Sri Lanka labelled Yemen as 'Fragile.'

After an Unmoderated Caucus, the committee started with voting on the working paper of France, Russia, Ethiopia, Yemen and Japan which passed with 17 votes. The committee moved into an Unmoderated Caucus to finalise the resolution. And the first agenda elapsed with an excellent resolution. Following the resolution, the agenda was set to “The US- Mexico border crisis” with a clear majority. The committee started with the General Speaker’s List.

After the break, the delegates had an informal debate on the topic “How does the US general election of 2020 affect the border crisis – considering the fact that the running candidate for vice-president Kamala Harris is the daughter of two immigrants.” During this debate, China called USA a 'problem' to which USA demanded an apology. The delegate of China said that China is ‘one of the worst countries for human rights’ while apologizing to USA. Honduras also demanded an apology from Egypt for calling Honduras' prison system a 'resort'.

The committee then entered into an Unmoderated Caucus regarding the formation of Working Papers. Russia's working paper was passed unanimously. The committee adjourned on a positive note talking about the entire day.

BY SAMRIDDHI SINGH & ALEXIA DSOUZA

WHO

The Chair opened by urging all the lobbies to look over their working papers, and then they discussed their respective working papers. This discussion included heated debates about quality over quantity, generic drugs, and the efficiency of the prescriptions. This was supported by the voting procedure for these resolutions. After a brief interim, the Delegate of India passed an agenda on 'Mass hysteria due to the Pandemic'.

The committee moved into a formal debate where Delegate of Syria notified the committee about Influenza viruses being a mutating menace to the mass. After a series of turns and meaningful discussions, the Delegate of India requested to pass a motion - 'Scrutinize China's efforts to contain the virus'. The highlights of the moderated caucus included China being the obvious target. Illegal animal markets were also a thoroughly discussed point.

Next up was the GSL. The committee resumed with the Delegate of USA and UK who requested to pass a motion on the topic 'Mass Hysteria by False Information', followed by the Delegate of Russia who requested for a moderated caucus on the topic 'Shifting Blame from China and Working Together'. This was concluded with the Delegate of Russia urging the Delegate of USA to put aside any "petty differences" and work towards a vaccine.

The GSL continued, followed by an Unmoderated Caucus requested by the Delegate of Germany to discuss resolutions. The Delegate of Chile raised a motion for a moderated caucus with the topic being "Reducing the Number of Steps a Vaccine has to undergo before it can officially be passed." It was followed by Lobby 2's presentation of their working paper which was analysed by the chair and voted for by the committee for the second agenda.

BY TARA KHARAT & ALEXIA DSOUZA

ICF

Following the Roll Call was the General Speakers List where the delegates presented their views on the agenda “Dominance of the Big Three over other smaller countries in the cricketing world”. The Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General also asked several questions to the delegates regarding their agendas for the day.

There were multiple one on ones today; the first one being between Tajikistan and BCCI and both the delegates engaged in a hot debate proving it to be a truly memorable experience for all. Next, there was yet another one between Bangladesh and England, followed by one between Scotland and South Africa.

Next, there was a challenge between the delegate of Australia and the delegate of Bangladesh and later, a motion was passed for a Moderated Caucus on the topic “Involvement of smaller countries in the cricketing world and the monopoly of the Big 3”. This was proceeded by yet another moderated caucus on the topic “Bilateral series”.

The delegate of South Africa raised the motion- “Plausibility, specifications and implications of a revised financial model”. The delegates were recognised to deliberate their views on this topic and will get a chance tomorrow to speak in the general speakers list.

The different blocs then worked on their working papers and presented in front of the whole committee; the Executive Board then asked the delegates questions regarding the same. Overall, it was a good and enjoyable day in the ICF with great results.

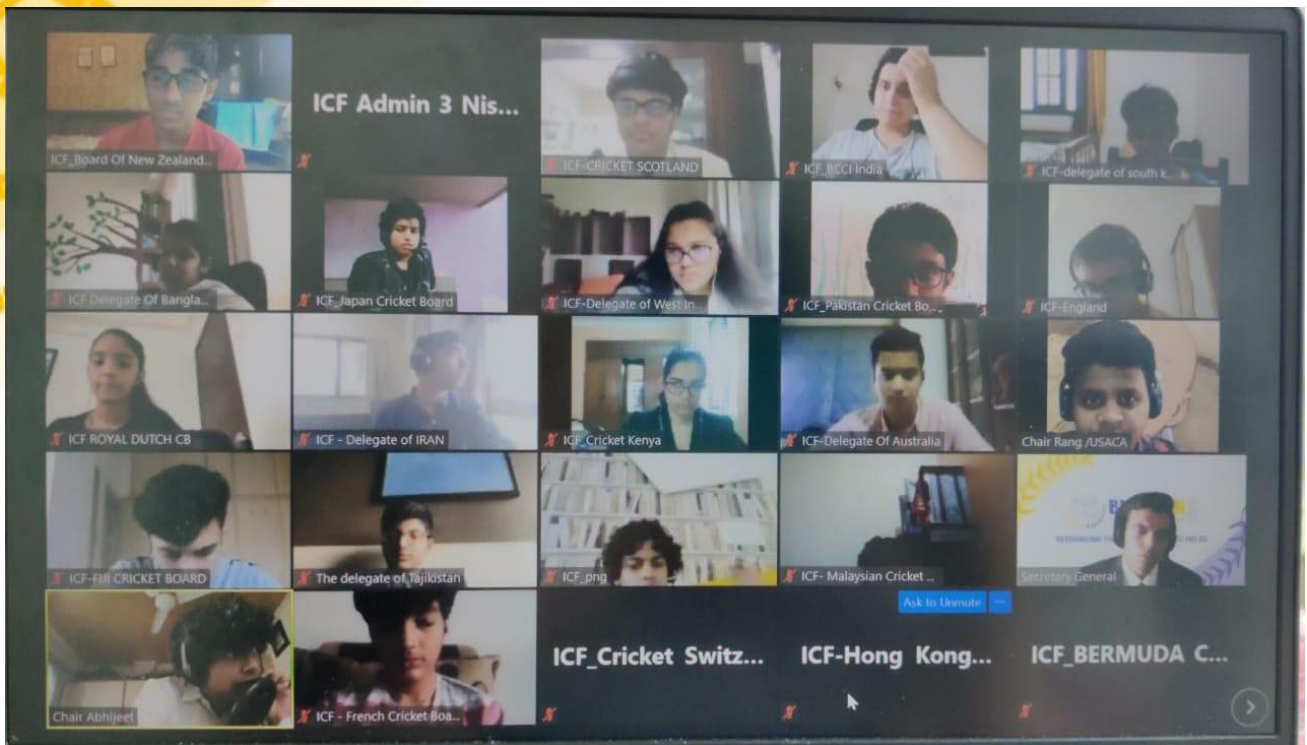
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