

Breaking news. Crisis





On May 2, at 15:05 (UTC+11) the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly were alarmed by the crisis, which came right in the middle of hot debates. The recent developments in the Sea of Japan, in particular, the accident with the North Korean citizens shipwrecked by the US vessel and rescued by South Korean officers, provoked the new claims of Kim Jong-Un about the readiness of the DPRK to proceed with nuclear testing in 48 hours. Considering the bad health conditions of the people rescued, the leader of North Korea accused the Republic of Korea of grave violation of the Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The conflict immediately moved from paper to reality. The Security Council had quite harsh discussions on whether the actions of the USA were justified or it was an act of aggression against the North Korean nation. Too much attention of this principal organ was paid to the legal issues, which actually were supposed to be examined by the Sixth Committee. On contrary, the Legal Committee preferred to exchange the roles with the SC and discuss some military matters. At least, this morning main committee managed to adopt the decision, but the main organ responsible for maintenance of the international peace and security chose to engage into sophistry.





Run, the Sixth Committee, run!



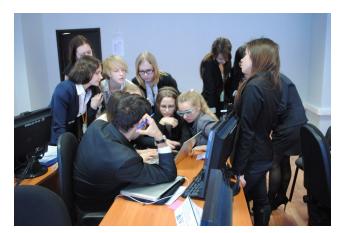
The second day in the Legal Committee was marked with a great number of interesting events. The day started with a long caucus when the delegates run from one corner of the room to another discussing the first agenda item. We would point out that the 6 GA's delegates are VERY polite responding to the speech of the delegate representing Republic of Korea and 7 delegates delivered the speeches of appreciation. In a daytime the calm temp of the work was distracted by the crisis correlated with the 1st agenda item. But it was quickly solved by operative efforts of the bright delegates' team of the Committee. The resolution was passed the day ended successfully.

Divided into several groups and and which changed locations for several times resembled *anthill*.

Unfortunately, some delegations still separate themselves from the committee and do not participate in discussions. Leadership still moves from ROK to USA, and from Australia to ROK... So, Leader, where are you? The Security Council threatened to the resolution of GA by its "SC priority"... but delegates managed with it and wrote a comprehensive resolution on the agenda. When the SC announced that they discussed another issue, the Sixth Committee decided to submit it to the

Chairs and we do expect its adoption soon.

The same thing in the same way or the $2^{\rm nd}$ day of debates on the same Agenda item in the UN ESCAP



The second day of debates in the UN ESCAP in many senses was the inheritor of the first one. Once again there were extremely hot discussions during the unmoderated caucuses, sometimes delegates were ready even to shout on each other.

If to talk about the productivity, here we see some problems. The Committee was working hard on the draft resolution, however, the quality of this document was under question. Especially, the Vice-Chairperson was not very much delighted by the level of delegates' productivity (and we hope, that the work of delegates during the remaining days of the Conference will make her really happy).

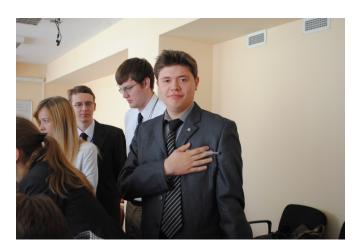
Now, we can say for sure, that the delegate of the United States is the first pretender for the title of the most-speaking delegate, while the representative of the Russian Federation is, definitely, the fastest-speaking one.

The whole Asia Pacific Region will be more than happy, if delegates will accelerate their work during the second agenda item.



Situation got worse





Due to the misunderstandings on the issue of timeframes for the IAEA report on the DPRK nuclear programme the Security Council almost failed to exercise its primary responsibility to protect the international peace and security. By the end of the second day the Council had delivered in total 350 speeches but not a single draft of the final documents was submitted to the President. Moreover, the crisis, which arose during the fourth session, was not in a proper way met by the delegates. While the DPRK claimed its intention to conduct a missile launch in 48 hours, the Council continued discussing the violation of Geneva Convention and the right of the states to conduct military exercises

Interviews



Delegate of China in ESCAP, Svetlana Goncharova

1. How do you feel about your first Model UN Conference?

The two days of debates were really awesome! There was some misunderstanding and arguments, but they made the process more interesting only. Every delegate gave their points of view and it was a great contribituion to the self-development and exchanging of expirience.

2. What new have you learnt at this event?

Actually I had some ideas about the Conference, but now I understand that if you don't take part in it you can't even imagine the whole process. During debating you have the feeling that now, the future of Asia and the Pacific region (in my case) depending on the delegates decision. So realistic it is. You realize all the importance of rules and professionalism only in practice. And actually you realize the importance of every member of the Conference only in practice too.

3. Why have you decided to participate in this Conference?

Thanks to the brilliant work of the organizators of Spring Master Classes, I decided to take part in the IV Regional Conference. I've got the passion after the mini-Conference, which was conducted here. I understood that taking part in such events is a great opportunity to develop myself and to improve English language skills, which is really important for me. Also, this participation helped me to meet new people. And one of the main roles in making my decision of participating in the IV Regional Conference, played my adviser — Denis Plotnikov. And I would like to express a deep gratitude to him, for supporting and persuading me to take part in this truly wonderful Conference.



Guatemala delegate in SC, William DiMaio

1. Why have you decided to go to this city of Khabarovsk to participate in this conference?

- I was incredibly excited for the opportunity to go to Khabarovsk. I have seen so little of Russia spending only two months in Vladivostok and 4 hours in Moscow. The opportunity to travel to the second largest city in the Russian Far East was not one that I was going to turn down. On top of this I was excited to extend my participation in MUNRFE beyond the master classes and the mini-conference. I was looking for to get to know my compatriots from the Vladivostok MUNRFE as well is meeting new people from Khabarovsk, Blagoveshchensk, and beyond.

2. What stereotypes did you have about Russians before going to study in Vladivostok? What Stereotypes do Russians have about Americans?

- Aside from the typically stereotypes of bears, vodka, borsch possibly my biggest stereotype about Russia would be the number of English-speakers. One of the reasons I decided to come to Vladivostok, over Moscow or St. Petersburg, was I assumed that there would not be as many English-speakers forcing me to learn Russian more quickly. I have been greatly surprised at the number of English-speakers and their proficiency in the language. Concerning the stereotypes

Russians have about Americans, aside from the obesity, I was surprised to find out that you all think that we smile all the time and we are always positive. For example, if you ask a Russian как дела? they might reply нормально. Ask an American the same question and they will most likely reply *отлично*.

3. You're a native speaker so it can be supposed that it is easy for you to debate here or is this not true?

- Being a native English speaker is somewhat of a double-edged sword. On the one hand I feel comfortable speaking and am able to organize my thoughts more quickly. On the other hand I must insure that the other delegates can understand what I have said. For example I need to speak more slowly, speak with grammatical correctness, and not use terribly complicated words. As I have stated before I have been pleasantly surprised about the English-speaking abilities of my collogues here so my advantage has been minimized by your all's proficiency .

The show must go on

Yesterday delegates of the Conference had an exhausting day full of debates (4 hours before lunch and 5 after). Fortunately, today they have another, less tough schedule. Thus, **the 3rd of May is the day of the Teachers' Competition**!

Actually, this event has been prepared for a long time already. Let us remind you that before organizing this, inter-club Teachers' Competition preliminary stage took place in all 3 Clubs of Model United Nations of the Russian Far East. The Clubs had to conduct their local Teachers' Competitions in order to find out the best Teacher, therefore giving him/her the opportunity to represent the Club in the inter-club project. In order to challenge the participants Managing Director's Team decided to give classic lectures distributed between the teachers randomly 2 nights before the Competition.

Thus, today you will listen to *Linda Kvitikina*, delegate of France in the SC, (Blagoveshchensk) with the lecture "*Mountain*", *Roman Snegurov*, the USA in the GA 6, (Vladivostok) with "*Public Speaking*" and *Ekaterina Churkina*, DPI Officer, (Khabarovsk) with lecture "*Golden rules and Myths of Leadership*".

Furthermore, there will be special guests (at the same time evaluators) at the Competition. Thus, 2 outstanding alumni from Khabarovsk MUNRFE Club, Olga Kostina and Malika Dosamanova and also MUNRFE Managing Director, Andrey Kozinets will be judges.

During the lectures distribution by picking papers with the topic randomly, our heroes seemed happy to receive this lectures to read. That is why this Teachers' Competition is supposed to be successful.

Apple vs. Android

Model United Nations of the Russian Far East conferences are considered to be bombastic enough by many people. And the Department of Public Information decided to check it through establishing a special criteria called "Apple vs. Android" (we hope that explanations here are not that relevant:) Of course, it is impossible to disturb delegates during the debates in order to make a photo of all cool device they have. Nevertheless, we managed to take some.

Also we wanted to put here a piece of philosophy and say that capitalism is still concurring the world and it is up to you, distinguished delegates, to decide whether to join "the dark side" or not. Enjoy some photos that we could collect.







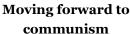






Paparazzi







Thinking of new crisis



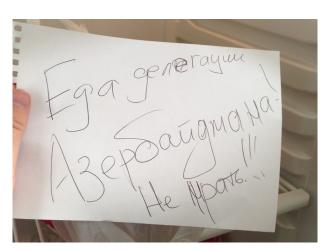
"Via GRA"

Do not forget about our Photo Contest!

Post your pictures on the web page Модель ООН на Дальнем Востоке in our VK group http://vk.com/munrfe



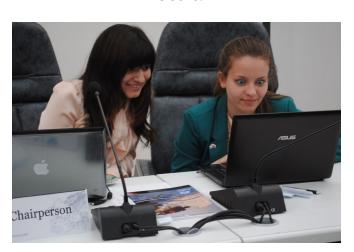
Working so hard



Got it?



Dance lesson #2



HOLLY... RESOLUTION!

P.S.

Who has more?





DPI decided to make a little investigation and detect which delegate has more research. Who had been preparing for the conference very hard? Who worked day-n-night in order to have all the evidence and documents with him? Finally we determined two finalists. They are both from Security Council and both are girls. And those are the delegate of RF Olga Kuzmina (VLD) and the delegate of France Linda Kvitkina (BLG). Great job, girls! (: