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New Countries, New Conflicts?

by Marit Klebb and Johanna Klauke

How does one react to an unexpected event such as a new state appearing and how does one secure delegates in danger? These are the tasks the delegates and chairs of the Security Council were confronted with yesterday.

The usual committee session of the Security Council was interrupted abruptly. The observer of Turkey was taken into custody by two armed security men. A few moments later, the delegates had to leave the room, outside of the committee several cars were waiting for them – to bring them to a secret place: The Gut Wahnbeek. Escorted by a police car and an ambulance, five cars made up the convoy. The surprising situation and the tension were easily noticeable - the appeal to stay calm and quiet was given as the delegates were getting out of the cars. When the evacuation was completed, a video was shown in the committee where two representatives of a new and independent Kurdish state, who could pose an urgent danger for the present delegates stated the independency of a Kurdish state in the Northern region of Syria near the Turkish border and demanded equality and acceptance for all Kurdish people. It turned out that the Turkish observer was a spy who monitored the committee for the rebels. Therefore it was essential to categorize the situation as urgent and evacuate all present members

of the security council to entertain a crisis session.

Fortunately, the security guards were able to react and execute the emergency plan which included the journey to the location half an hour away from the Edith-Russ-Haus.

Troubled and alarmed the delegates discussed the establishment of a no-fly-zone for civil aviation to the affected areas. The delegation of China made very clear that they would support such a measure.

Their statement included the expression of the fact that all fifteen members of the Security Council would cooperate during the session and agree on useful steps in order to resolve the conflict.

Russia was against the resolution and tried to prevent that determination from being enforced. Finally all concerned nations agreed on the decision.

During the debates the question

“Are the Kurdish forces able to defend themselves?” appeared. Russia pointed out several times that it is the right of states to defend themselves if necessary and also proposed to support them with military forces. Also controversial was the role of the United Nations and which position they should take.

Point after point was discussed and either passed or failed.

The USA emphasized their wish for a peaceful solution and condemned the use of violence. Intensive discussions and long debates lead to a shortage of time and put a lot of pressure on the delegates. Because of this it was decided to vote on only the last three points of the resolution. All in all the extraordinary session of the Security Council was successful and the delegates were able to return to the Edith-Russ-Haus safely.





Lobbying and Debating Is Not All: The Punishments

by Jette Wehrmann and Arienusch Zhu

Yesterday was an eventful day again. Many punishments were spread to the delegates shortly after the beginning of the committee sessions. One of the first punishments happened in the Security Council, where Sweden and Kazakhstan had to rap their resolution. It was pretty funny to look at! But there was also a karaoke punishment for the delegation of Poland and Côte d'Ivoire, who sang to a song by Britney Spears. While these delegates had to sing, in other committees they had to dance like for example in the EcoSoc to the song "Don't Stop Believing".

At the same time in the GA 1st some delegates had to dance to a Russian Party song and to the "Macarena". There were different songs which made everything so much the funnier!

Different than in the UNIDO: Two role plays were put on by the chosen delegates. The delegation of Sao Tome and Principe had to propose to two other delegates but there was an argument because he asked two delegates at the same time. The delegations of Qatar, Russia and Iraq played another realistic role play in which one of them was pregnant and they had to find a suitable name for the

baby. The result was the comical name "Paul-Astrid Tie".

But the acting talent of the delegates was also shown in the GA 3rd, where a female delegate had to hold the chest of a male delegate, while the man opened his arms, inspired by the iconic scene from the movie "Titanic". Two other delegates had to demonstrate a "Havana" version, covered by Trump, while singing to it.

In the end we can say that every punishment was very funny and there was a lot to laugh about! So thank you, Chairs, for providing us with the hilarious scenes.

The Tech Staffs: Inconspicuous but Indispensable

by Melaia Nanz and Janne Teschke

The technical staff is present at any given moment but their hard work is usually barely recognized. The tech team of OLMUN 2018 is made up of more than 20 members: Everyone from 9th grade to being an experienced member. They all do their best to ensure smooth running of all committee sessions. Before the big event started with the opening ceremony everything had to be prepared. In only a few meetings over the past few weeks everyone received specific tasks in different committees. During this week, the technical staff have to attend the committee session the whole day long to guarantee that nothing goes wrong and even if something does that they can fix it.

The technical master of the His-

torical Security Council finished school this year. He has already participated in the OLMUN two times, during both of which he managed technical problems. He was also part of the "HerbartMUN", a MUN- Conference from a local school in Oldenburg. Since 2011 his responsibility is mainly the stage lighting and sound system at events at his school. Therefore, he has a huge knowledge about solving any kind of technical problems. During the committee session he is responsible for the Wi-Fi and the microphones. Being part of such a unique event is a great feeling, he says: Every time he drives home in the afternoon he is overwhelmed by the fact that nearly everywhere in the city you can re-

cognize participants of the conference wearing suits and ties. This creates a great feeling of being connected by the same interests. If this has spiked your interest and you want to take a look behind the scenes and help these amazing workers you can join the technical team next year: extensive knowledge in this area is helpful but not necessary and a basic knowledge will be fine as you will learn everything you need to know from the Technical Coordinator and the other tech staffs. Furthermore, there is no need to be afraid to apply as a technical staff, in this week you will meet different people and gain a lot of new experiences. **This is not only a job for boys.** It will be worth it!



Simon Says...

by Cosima Scherbening and Janna Griem

Just a few minutes after arriving at the train station Simon Conrad, the guest speaker from Princeton University, held an interesting speech about the conflict between Sunni and Shia Muslims. In his speech he summed up the causes and consequences of the disagreement between the two branches, provided helpful information to the committee and also suggested some potential solutions to the problem.

In our interview he further elaborated on these topics that “the trigger was obviously the US invasion of Iraq and the Arab Spring”. In his opinion it is mainly about “the influence of governments wanting to push through with their interests.” As for the development of the conflict in the near future Simon Conrad pointed out that the identities of Sunni and Shia Muslims “were created, which means that it is not something natural.” He fears that we are at the point where those identities have

become so powerful that it would be extremely difficult to abolish them and that the idea of a confrontation between the two is not that irrational. The only positive ending of the conflict is, in his opinion that the people will realize that this conflict will get them nowhere but Mr. Conrad deemed this solution unlikely.

Additionally, Simon Conrad had some personal experience with the Arab states himself since he lived in Sudan and in Egypt for a year and visited many other countries like Palestine and Morocco during parts of his bachelor education. For this education it was obligatory to spend a year abroad to learn Arabic, said Conrad. His interest in Arab countries started with his fascination with languages and regions outside of Europe and his very international family. He chose this education, as it was an opportunity for him to “never do math again”, but also get to know a new religion.

As his wish has always been to become a diplomat our next question got an extensive answer. Our question about what Simon Conrad would do if he was in a leading position of a country involved in the conflict got the following as a response: In his opinion “the problem is that Iran and Saudi Arabia are fighting about superior strength in the government and that both parties are large political actors. He remarked that the conflict is being fueled by states using the religious narratives. His own attempt at solving the problem? Try to enter into a relationship with the other country, a relationship that has nothing to do with religion to create a dependence. It is important to encourage people to engage in low-level partnerships as an example to others. To do so is the right way to solve the disagreement, Simon Conrad says.

We Came to Dance ...

by Iris Kirchhofer

...and dance we did! Yesterday we ended a perfect OLMUN-week with an incredible party at the “Alte Molkerei Club” that was expertly planned by the Entertainment Managers. Over 600 delegates and many more members of the Inner Circle and the Secretariat attended the party, over 100 of which arrived within the first half an hour, and had a great evening perfectly finishing off this year’s conference. The party started at 9

pm and went on until 1.30 am and all the time the DJ at this year’s party, DJ Horney, managed to create an amazing atmosphere for all the delegates who were in a great mood and seemed to be having the best time.

This year for the first time we tried out a little game which was a surprise for all the delegates: In addition to the regular wristbands that show your age there were glow sticks that were used as

bracelets. But they were not just there to vary the colours in the club... There were red and green glow sticks, the green ones indicated a person was single, the red ones that they were taken. We admit we tried to use this as a tactic to extend the OLMUN family but it was simply to make it easier to approach people and talk to them. Because that is what OLMUN is all about: building friendships by getting to know new people.



OLMUN 2018 in Review

by Swantje Wehmeyer and Fynn Dresler

To end this year's conference we decided to conduct an interview with the Chairs of our committee so we could show you yet another side of OLMUN. So enjoy their answers, maybe you feel the same way.

How did you liked today's conference:

Alexandra Wolff: *"I think it was very nice and interesting. The delegates were very active and creative, there were many funny moments but as well a lot of concentration and more serious moments. All in all it was a really great conference and I am happy I got to be a part of it."*

Today you [Alexandra Wolff] received several funny and interesting gossip notes. Which one did you liked most?

Alexandra Wolff: *"I think it was the one that said I might be evil and a witch because of my red hair. But as well there were several drawings which were very beautiful."*

Which delegates will stick to your memory?

Sören Wehrheim: *"The delegate that will stick to our memory is the delegate of Solomon Islands. Solomon Islands is very active during debates and I especially noticed the delegate had very long and complicated speeches which sometimes are unnecessarily complicated and he never stops talking and always wants to talk. His draft resolution was quite long and as the other delegates mentioned in the gossip several times he talks very quickly, so I*

sometimes have problems following. He is very particular about things he wants to be done so he is definitely a very noticeable delegate here and we were lucky to have him.

I will also remember most of the Americans we have here because some of them are very funny."

Alexandra Wolff: *"As well the delegate of Belgium is fun because he is probably the opposite of some shy delegates we have here. He makes funny references in his speeches."*

Sören Wehrheim: *"Yes, Belgium needs to bring a tie and he is very casually dressed for this committee but his speech was very funny."*

Thank You, Chairs!

Thank You!

by Lea Lassak and Iris Kirchhofer

So, this is it. Our week, or should we say our year, as Chief of Press has come to an end and even though we enjoyed it thoroughly we are a little bit glad that it is over. We are incredibly proud of the work we were able to do over the past few days. But saying that it was just us would be unfair to everyone who helped us make this newspaper so great.

We would like to thank the great journalists in our team who wrote and wrote and wrote and did their best to fulfil our every demand. We would also like to thank all the

members of the Inner Circle and the Alumni who worked tirelessly, proof-reading articles with us and providing help finding ideas for new things to add to our paper. Not only their great help, but also their honest reviews of our ideas for the paper made us work even harder and longer.

Also, our, very spontaneously declared, Personal Assistant, without whom we could not have worked the long nights.

And last but, not at all, least our incredible lay outer, who stayed up until after four o'clock in the

morning with us laying the finishing touches on the paper and helped us deliver the papers to you.

And, finally, a huge thank you to all of you who read the paper every day and made it possible for us to make this paper in the first place. We hope you had a great week and that especially the sudokus were everything you wished for.

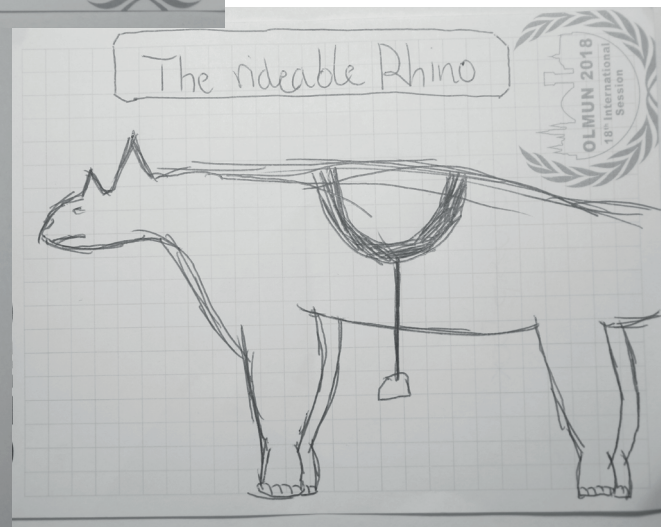
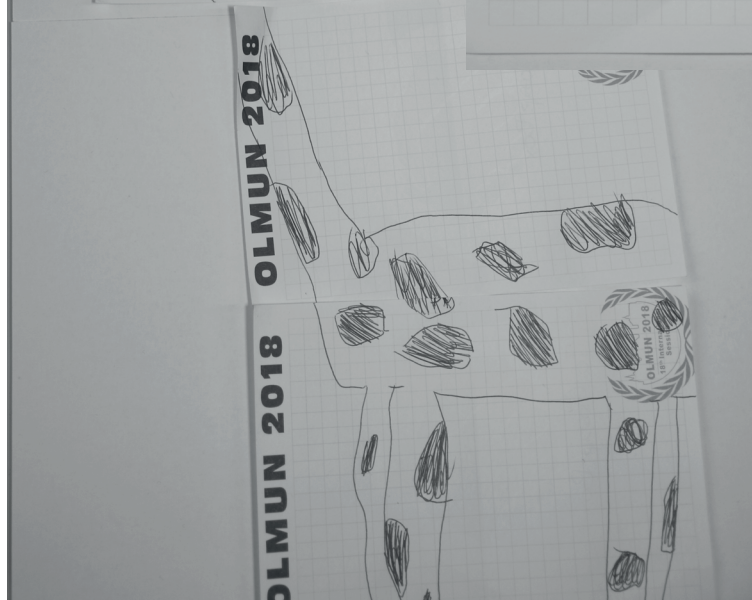
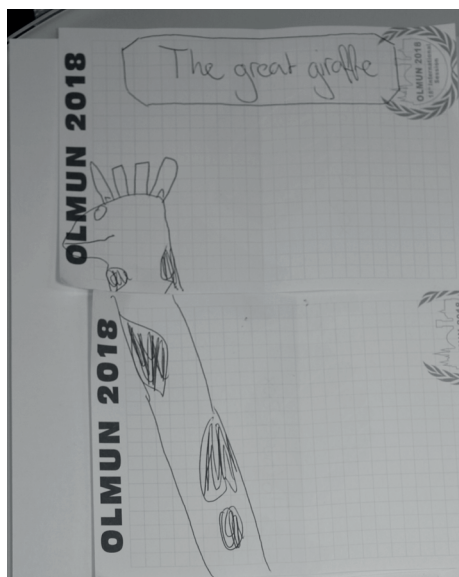
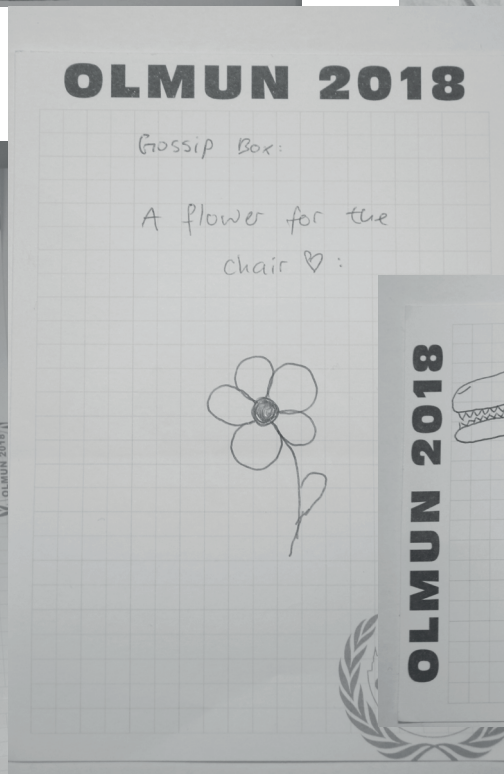
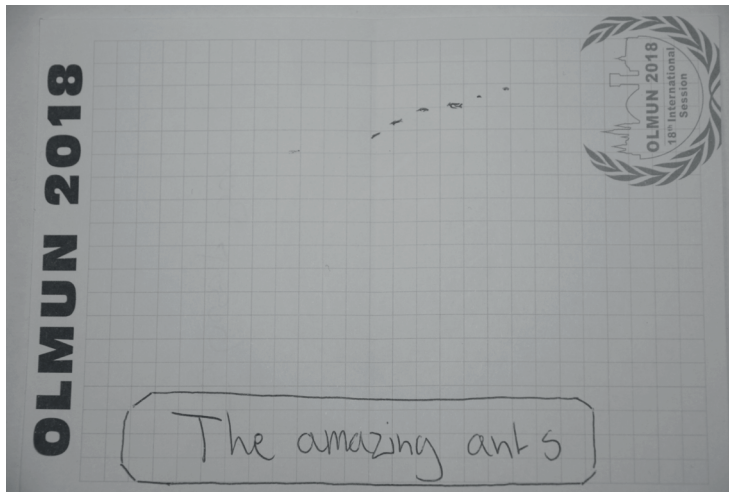
We are very much looking forward to next year's OLMUN and hope that you are, too.

Yours Sincerely,

Lea Lassak and Iris Kirchhofer



Funny Notes



Where's Waldo?



Arab League



Human Rights Council



Special Conference



United Nations Industrial Development Organization



Historical Security Council



Security Council



General Assembly's Third Committee



Economic and Social Council



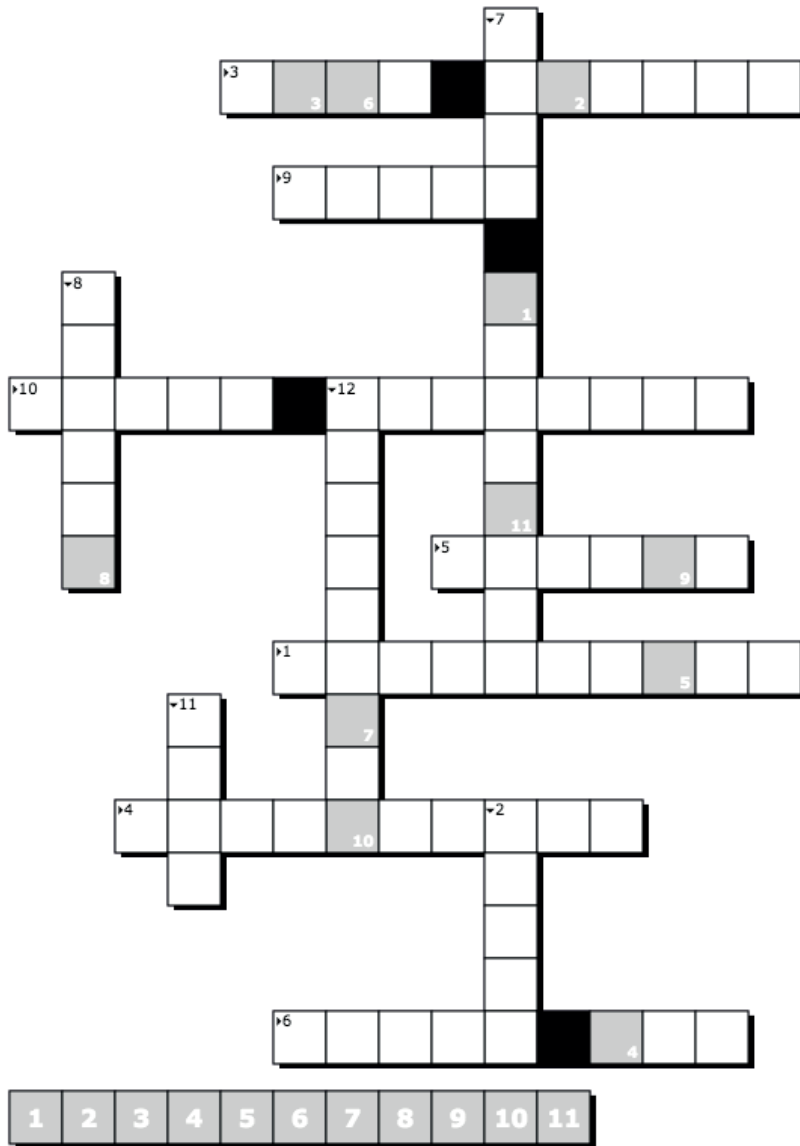
General Assembly's First Committee



United Nations Environment Programme GC



Crossword Puzzle



1. What conflict was discussed in the Arab League?
2. What is the surname of the founder of OLMUN?
3. Which committee had the shortest title?
4. What is the funniest thing about committee sessions?
5. What is the evacuation of the Security Council called?
6. What is the tournament that started yesterday called?
7. Where did the party take place?
8. What word comes up three times in this year's motto?
9. What are you always supposed to have with you?
10. What is the name of the newspaper?
11. How many Sudokus were in the last two edits of the paper?
12. What do you get at certain restaurants if you show your wrist band?

World Soccer Championship

Yesterday

- Russia vs. Saudi Arabia 5 : 0

Today

- Egypt vs. Uruguay
- Morocco vs. Iran
- Portugal vs. Spain





Sudoku

For Delegates

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For Treasurer #masterofcoin

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For Inner Circle

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Asking a frog – the weather forecast

Friday noon

 20°C

afternoon

 22°C

evening

 22°C

Saturday morning

 19°C

noon

 22°C

afternoon

 23°C

A photograph of several students in dark suits walking on a cobblestone path. They are carrying backpacks and folders. In the background, there is a red brick building with large green-framed glass doors. A small blue flag with the United Nations logo is hanging from the top of the doors. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

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