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Thursday, 20th June 2019

Uncovering Germany's Policies

Germany's opinions and positions on the first day of OLMUN's debates



Germany is well represented in several committees at this year's OLMUN and its delegates have already been active today. We went into the different committees and asked them about statements regarding the ongoing debates to help you decide whether your country can or cannot work together with Germany.

Security Council: For the German delegation the solution to the current crisis in Venezuela is to recognize that president Nicolas Maduro is the problem. The delegate thinks that the new elections should be observed by an international commission. As for the humanitarian crisis the delegate suggests that Venezuela should address its citizens' basic needs. Regarding the economic crisis, Venezuela's market economy should be restored after many years of socialism.

GA 1st: The delegate stated the following: "Germany fully supports any point aimed at limiting and controlling the illegal trade of arms, and the delegate of Germany is working hard to change this situation."

ECOSOC: The issue of counterfeit goods and especially medicine which is debated in the ECOSOC is really important according to the delegate of Germany. A lot of people are in danger because most of these counterfeit medicines contain unhealthy ingredients that are dangerous for people's health. Her intention is to educate especially young people. In the delegate's opinion, talking about it is a way to make a change.

NATO: The recent aggressive behaviour of Russia is an interesting and important topic, that Germany likes to discuss with other delegates of the same age. A solution could be to accept others, meaning Russia in particular. The delegate suggests to listen to Russia, to get to know their point of view and start communicating with them instead of just making them seem bad.

WHA: Regarding the prevention and control of epidemics, the delegate stated that the policy of Germany and of all countries should be to cooperate in order to save the as many lives as possible. Germany proposes many solutions, for example the more de-

veloped countries should help other countries that are less economically developed

UNEP: Germany is very concerned about oil and gas extraction. The country itself does not have much oil and gas, so it must be imported. Germany will turn to alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind energy. With 40% of the energy at the beginning of 2019 being ecologically green, Germany is one of the best developed countries regarding this topic. With these prerequisites, Germany, wants to find a solution together with other delegates.

To sum up, all delegates that represent Germany are very straightforward about their opinion and have made clear statements regarding the topics that were discussed. This clearly shows the country's commitment to solving problems within the UN and to help those in need.

By Nai Alscheikh Almukadam & Mia Kluge



Does Size Matter?

OLMUN's biggest committee gets down to business

With 167 delegates today, the GA1st is the biggest committee in this year's conference. After three either/or questions as an icebreaker (introducing everyone would have probably filled the whole day) we started with opening speeches by the P5 states and any other delegations wishing to speak.

Despite the hot weather (or maybe just because of it) the committee was surprisingly quiet. Apparently a bit too quiet, seeing as before lunch two delegations had already fallen asleep and one did not even react to the gentle waking calls of the chairs.

Through the following much needed punishment and the funniest gossip box quotes (if we didn't know better

one might think that some delegates did nothing else) we managed to productively listen to many more terrific opening speeches with too many points of information and corresponding requests for follow-up to entertain all of us.

After the lunch break, two remaining delegations gave their speeches and we moved into lobbying time. In under three hours we had received three resolutions (very little for the amount of delegates, we are very proud). The main submitters are the United States of America, Monaco and Morocco with over 40 co-submitters each.

We finished the day with some more gossip (it's really amazing

how much over 150 people have to say about each other) and punishments, which included two of our three chairs (as it turns out talking German to the tech staff across the entire room tends to get punished). We are very proud of our committee's work so far and hope to keep it up in the next days.

By Isabella von Jan, Tilman Holube & Keno Hillmer

How to Prevent Epidemics

A Day in the World Health Assembly

The first day in the second biggest committee of this year's conference, the World Health Assembly, started with a really, really long Roll Call. It went on for 10 minutes. When it was time for a second Roll Call after lunch time, the Chairs made the executive decision to save time by changing it to a 'Whose neighbour is missing'-call. This proved to be very efficient.

After that, the majority of delegations wanted to present their policy statements. While speeches were entertained, the other delegates had a whole lot of time to pass notes. After two hours we even got a request from two delegates to get them new notepads because they've been writing so many notes they had run out.

Right after the policy statements and a mood-lifting punishment for violations against dress code, our guest speaker David Sperling, President of the Security Council at this year's conference, delivered a presentation on the important steps and measures that must be taken in order to control and prevent epidemics.

In the afternoon, lobbying took place and the delegates developed four distinct resolutions, of which we unfortunately had to cross out one due to the limited debating time this week..

All in all we were pleasantly surprised by the work ethic and motivation of our delegates, who were impatient to get up on the stage and

get right down to politics.

An incredible number of delegates read out their well-researched and -written policy statements and the lobbying was done in a remarkably ordered fashion, too. We are incredibly impressed by our delegates and very optimistic about a fruitful and productive discussion.

By Alexandra Wolff, Greta Wulf & Thomas Kappelhoff

Facts and Figures

Astonishing numbers behind the event

OLMUN counts about 1000 participants, who discuss enthusiastically all day long. All of these people require the organization to be supplied with drinks and food, especially with the hot temperatures this week. Therefore we want to present the size of purchases over the last days.

For the drinks alone it was necessary to buy 150 packs of water, which is 1800 litres of water in total, to keep everyone hydrated. A day of debates lasts for many hours, so of course the delegates develop an appetite that the OLMUN organizers tried to

cover by providing 80 watermelons, 500 apples, and 600 bananas so that everyone stays healthy. But of course humans need something for their nerves, which is why 8750 cookies were bought.

If you think of OLMUN, you don't only think of long debates and people in suits: the entertaining events in the evenings such as Tuesday's barbecue also belong to the event.

The participants ate about 900 sausages and 500 buns. To provide this mass of food, it was necessary to organize 65 kilos of coal to fuel

the barbecue. Furthermore, 9 litres of ketchup and 1,5 litres of mustard were consumed.

As you can see, the things that are often not seen on the surface make a huge part of the organization of OLMUN.

By Chiara Lindemann & Veronika Gockel



Interview with the TV Team

What it's like to produce a news show

Can you sum up your tasks and responsibilities?

We as Chiefs of TV are taking care of the daily production and publishing of the official OLMUN morning show for the committees and YouTube. Additionally, we work on the preparation videos, the opening and the closing video. The live-stream of the Opening Ceremony is also organized by us, so basically everything you can see during OLMUN on our YouTube channel.

How did you get the position of the Chief of TV?

Because both of us produced the morning show last year, Milan being part of the staff team and me already being Chief of TV, we were selected again for this year. Thankfully, we said yes and now we are standing in front of you as Chiefs of TV.

Can you describe your daily process?

During the day we take care of filming the committee sessions and the daily events. Moreover we produce the news with our host Sarah in our studio at the GAG. Afterwards, we are off to the post production. At our office we work on the news video for the next day and other videos that have been given to us.

This can last until the early morning. During the rest of the day we are supported by the TV staff, so that impressions from the different committees can be saved. The staff are our eyes and ears.

What is the most fascinating part about your work?

Milan and I are fascinated by the production of videos, of course. Furthermore we like to take responsibility and lead the organisation for the morning show.

What do you like about your position?

As Chief of TV you are involved more. We not only are part of one committee, but we visit all the committees during the week. Additionally, we see OLMUN from a different perspective and are always searching for the next "perfect shot". On the one hand this is more stressful, on the other side it's an extraordinary OLMUN experience. There is always something to do and these tasks always vary.

To which person would you recommend your job?

We recommend this position to those who have the ability of producing professional videos and who like to take responsibility.

By Chiara Lindemann & Veronika Gockel

Stories Behind Faces

“I stand for equality, humanity and unity“



Today’s story features the Delegate of China in the Security Council, the 17-year-old Ruqaya Zaki from the Netherlands. During a short interview, we got to know this young and fascinating woman better.

What are you aiming for in life?

Well, I know it sounds really generic and cliché, but I would really like to help people. Because nowadays we are all connected via social media, yet we have no real connection and I think it’s really important to help each other and to find humanity especially in times like this.

What profession are you striving for?

I would like to study law in order to help people and later work as a judge. Especially children, I think, are very vulnerable and I want to help them and support their rights.

If you could change one thing in our world, what would it be?

In my opinion, the most important thing is the lack of communication and I would like to change that. Right

now we have a lot of countries, a lot of presidents and everywhere there is a lot of corruption. I think most of the corruption is because of a lack of communication. People just have to talk, they have to connect and understand each other. If I could change one thing, I would have everyone speak the same language. Like that, they can understand each other and avoid miscommunication.

What values do you represent or try to represent?

I stand for, again really cliché, equality, humanity and unity. Just coming together. And I think the nicest thing about OLMUN is that you come together with different people and you talk with different people. People who you would have never even met.

What experience characterized you the most?

Well, I used to live in Iraq before I moved to the Netherlands 10 years ago. That’s why I am feeling very involved in everything: I’m seeing everything that is happening in my home country and I’m seeing what is happening all over the world and that’s my biggest motivation.

That is what motivates me the most: fixing the wrong things in life.

And you can do that with humanity. With unity. With simple communication. That’s the most important thing.

By Femke Behrends, Tiffany Pieske & Gwen Buhl



Best Punishments of the Day

The first punishment we know about happened in the GA 1st. The chairs came up with the idea of letting the perpetrators walk on a catwalk like models in front of the whole committee.

In the UNEP, a lot of delegates were recognized for punishments. The delegates of Columbia, France, Burundi, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Australia were called to take part in a flash mob-like dance of the macarena because they used cell phones during the session and wore inappropriate shoes.


Every other participant of the committee was invited to join the dance, which resulted in almost the whole UNEP dancing in a long line on the stage of the conference room.

The last punishment was in the WHA in form of a Just-Dance-challenge and singing with headphones for one person. The people touched by the punishments handed in their policy statements too late and one of them wore sneakers. We are already looking forward to tomorrow’s creative punishments!

By Chiara Lindemann & Veronika Gockel



What happens to your resolutions after Lobbying?

<p>Forum: Special Conference</p> <p>Question of: Ensuring the Freedom and Independence of Press and Digital Media</p> <p>Submitted by: Canada</p> <p>Co-submitted by: Amnesty International, Cuba, Finland, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Namibia, South Africa, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America</p>	
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- 1 The Special Conference,
- 2 Fully aware of the dependence of freedom and the independence of press and digital media on national laws which explicitly ensure these rights,
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- 6 Emphasizing the importance of journalist's safety all around the world,
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- 8 Taking into consideration the everchanging situation of the internet,
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- 10 Deeply concerned by recent developments, such as the rise of journalist's imprisonments and murders, as, according to CPJ, 607 journalists have been killed in the last ten years,
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- 13 Realizing the effect of violence inflicted upon journalists has on self-censorship,
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- 15 Noting with regret the correlation between the political system, the welfare of a state and each individual within that particular state and the freedom and independence of Press and Digital Media,
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- 18 Fully alarmed by the fact that only 24 percent of 180 countries have been classified as "good" or "fairly good" concerning the freedom of press,
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- 21 Fully aware of the new challenges the digital age entails,
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- 23 Recalling Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
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- 25 Acknowledging that journalism needs financial support, but concentrated ownership, bankruptcy or unsustainable funding for public broadcasters, thus capital controls, can also be a threat to journalists' self-censorship.
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Maybe you have experienced this yesterday: After the Lobbying Session, the Chairs went off with the main submitters of your resolutions to the so called "Approval Panel". But now we want to reveal what is really going on at the mysterious Approval Panel.

When the Chairs and main submitters arrive at the panel, they get support from the Presidents of the General Assembly, some Alumni and MUN Directors to help them with what may very well be the hardest task of the day: Bring the submitted resolutions in accordance with the layout requirements of OLMUN.

Rest assured: the little flaws of Microsoft Office formatting can get even the most experienced chairs and MUN Directors to surrender. Consequently, the Approval Panel tends to take up more of the Chairs evening than they expected it to. So, if you missed them at yesterday's evening activity now you know why they didn't show.

By Dominik Ulke



A Very Special Committee

What the Special Conference is really about



The UN consists of a wide range of committees and other organs to deal with a variety of international issues. The primary UN organs, such as the General Assembly and the ECOSOC, can also establish new bodies to deal with problems that emerge in today's world. At OLMUN, we have created a similar body: the Special Conference.

What makes this committee so special is that it is not bound to a certain field of action. Every year a different agenda is chosen that deals with a recent problem of high urgency. Therefore, it provides the possibility of debating a wide variety of issues of international importance with an ever-changing selection of UN member states depending on who is affected by the chosen topic.

This year's Special Conference is about Ensuring the Freedom and Independence of Press and Digital Media. Especially in today's age of media and digitisation, this topic is more important than ever. Through social media and the internet, news from all around the world spreads a lot faster and has a much larger reach. With the spread of fake news, demand for a stronger regulation grows, especially because these inci-

dents create real-life effects in elections, and even result in political violence. Through new regulations and laws, fake news can of course be regulated, but this also gives governments the possibility to control and influence news for political reasons. This creates a big problem for everybody seeking to establish new regulation, as it needs to control media and news in such a way to react to fake news while differentiating between real and fake in real time.

As with every new technology, digital media have two sides: they can be an instrument of empowerment for societies all over the world and start revolutions, but they might just as well be used by authoritarian governments to control their population. We are very excited to see the solutions our delegates come up with!

By Paul Pagnia & Lukas Winkler

How to Survive the Next Epidemic

Dealing with diseases on the international level



The World Health Assembly, which is simulated at OLMUN for the first time, discusses the prevention of diseases and epidemics through the improvement of given conditions.

Yesterday David Sperling (President of this year's Security Council at OLMUN) joined the committee to provide the delegates with insights on the response protocol to outbreaks of epidemics of the UN. He stated that outbreaks of epidemics are rather rare and unlikely, but every nation has to be prepared in the right way since the consequences can be disastrous. If an outbreak occurs, the UN's objective is to reach zero new infections and to support long-term recovery in the affected region. To achieve this, a five-step list was created with the following steps: Stopping the outbreak; Treating the infected; Ensuring essential services; Preserving stability and Preventing further outbreaks.

Another part of epidemics is something called "Infodemic", a rapid spread of misinformation. That includes rumors, gossip and unreliable information. An Infodemic

can vastly worsen the destruction created by an actual epidemic, since incomplete or false knowledge can lead to mass panic and even further outbreaks. An example of this is the superstition one could infect themselves with HIV just by touching an individual that is affected.

But the main goal of the World Health Organisation is not just to think through the procedure after an outbreak, but also to prevent actual epidemic outbreaks. David Sperling presented some possible solutions such as vaccinations, which made the measles death rate drop by 80% between 2000 and 2017 worldwide. Another big part of practical prevention is overall hygiene. In many of the nations in which epidemics take place more often, sanitation infrastructure is not common. Thus, providing those would minimize the infection chances. Also, cohesive emergency protocols would help recognize any unknown diseases as they are spreading and to treat the infected.

After his speech, David Sperling was asked a couple of questions by the delegates of the World Health As-

sembly, one being, if (in his personal belief) mandatory vaccinations for school children are a viable option. He stated, that infringing on people's freedom to choose is always a challenge and must only be allowed when all other options will not grant success over a disease, that otherwise endangers children.

Secondly, he was asked, how to handle bursts of public unrest within an epidemic. In the answer to the question, information campaigns and additional police forces from neighboring countries, protecting the medical staff, were highlighted. Public unrest should be avoided beforehand, just as epidemics must not be fought, when preventing their outbreak. In his closing remarks, he further stated, that the WHA is such an important committee, because of it dealing with epidemics, which might change life on earth as we know it.

The speech was highly informative and proposed possible solutions to the problems discussed in the World Health Assembly. Hopefully, the delegates will use this as a foundation to build their decisions upon.

By Janna Griem & Cosima Scherbening



Food for Thought

If you feel insufficiently challenged by your fellow delegates you might want to have a look at these questions that neither philosophers nor scientists or statesmen were able to answer satisfyingly yet. Good luck.

Do guns protect people or kill people?

Does an ideal government form exist?

If you could create a country from scratch, what would it be like?

Are there any limitations to free speech?

What is more important, doing the right thing or doing things the right way?

Have we become less happy in this age of technology?

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

If I eat all the cookies during the cookie break, what will happen?

By Tiffany Pieske, Femke Behrends & Gwen Buhl



Protecting Civilians

The HRC in action

The Human Rights Council has conducted today its first committee session. The delegates presented their policy statements, discussing how to prevent sexual and military violence in combat zones. The focus was to be laid on Syria and Yemen; the biggest humanitarian crises of our time. The 47 delegates tried, however, not only to solve the issues related to those two conflicts, but to get out with resolutions that would help preventing any violations of human rights in future conflicts. Between speeches, policy statements, punishments and cookie breaks, the council had a visit from Mariana Karkoutly, a Syrian human rights advocate from Adopt a Revolution

who brought a new perspective into the house. Shedding light on the real cost of conflicts and showing what they mean on personal levels. The delegates had something to relate to, more personal and less abstract than mere statistics.

The work in committee was resumed afterwards. Two resolutions from Spain and DR Congo are awaiting to be discussed and be voted upon tomorrow.

By Amin Al Magrebi

Sports, Rain & Thunder

Alternative evening activity



Surely some of our delegates were caught off guard by the thunderstorm yesterday afternoon.

watermelon were given. Even though it was a lot of fun, we all hope that we will be more lucky with the weather next year.

Due to this the soccer match, which was supposed to take place at the Dobbenwiesen, was cancelled and supplanted by a movie night. Chosen was "Divergent", and selectable sport activities such as Twister, Volleyball and Soccer were available. Also, Snacks such as chips, crackers and

By Cosima Scherbening & Janna Griem



Funny Notes

Spilling the Beans

Here comes the perfect resolution!

We can do it together!

Read as fast as possible XD

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

A ~~woodchuck~~ woodchuck could chuck as much wood, as a woodchuck could chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

Anyone* delivers an opening speech*

USA:

I couldn't find reference to draw the man's face in the med because I don't have internet so yeah.

It's free real estate

All lights

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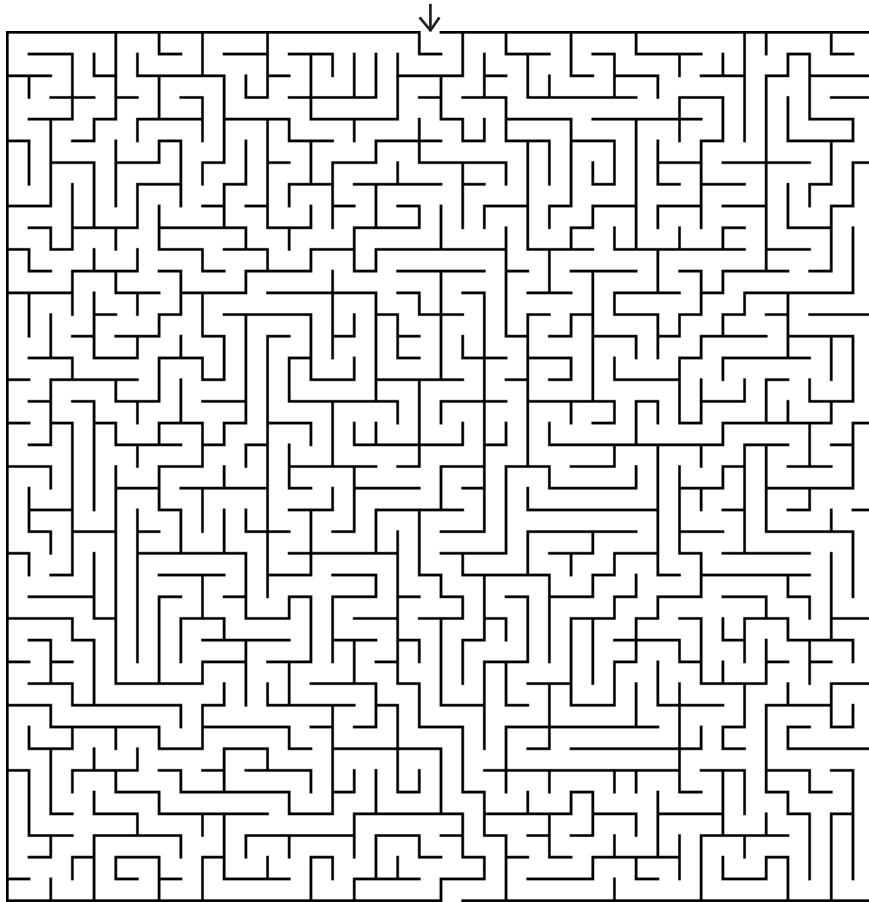
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Maze Mastermind

Time to test your general knowledge!



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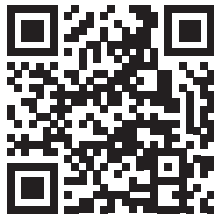
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Should I stay or should I go?

Thursday

Noon



Afternoon



Evening



Friday

Morning



Noon



Afternoon



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Evening Activities

Let's get the party started!

Tired after a long day of fruitful yet exhausting debates? All you want to do is get a good night's sleep before the last day of the conference? You might want to reconsider, because tonight's party is something that you just can't miss to complete your OLMUN experience.



Where?
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