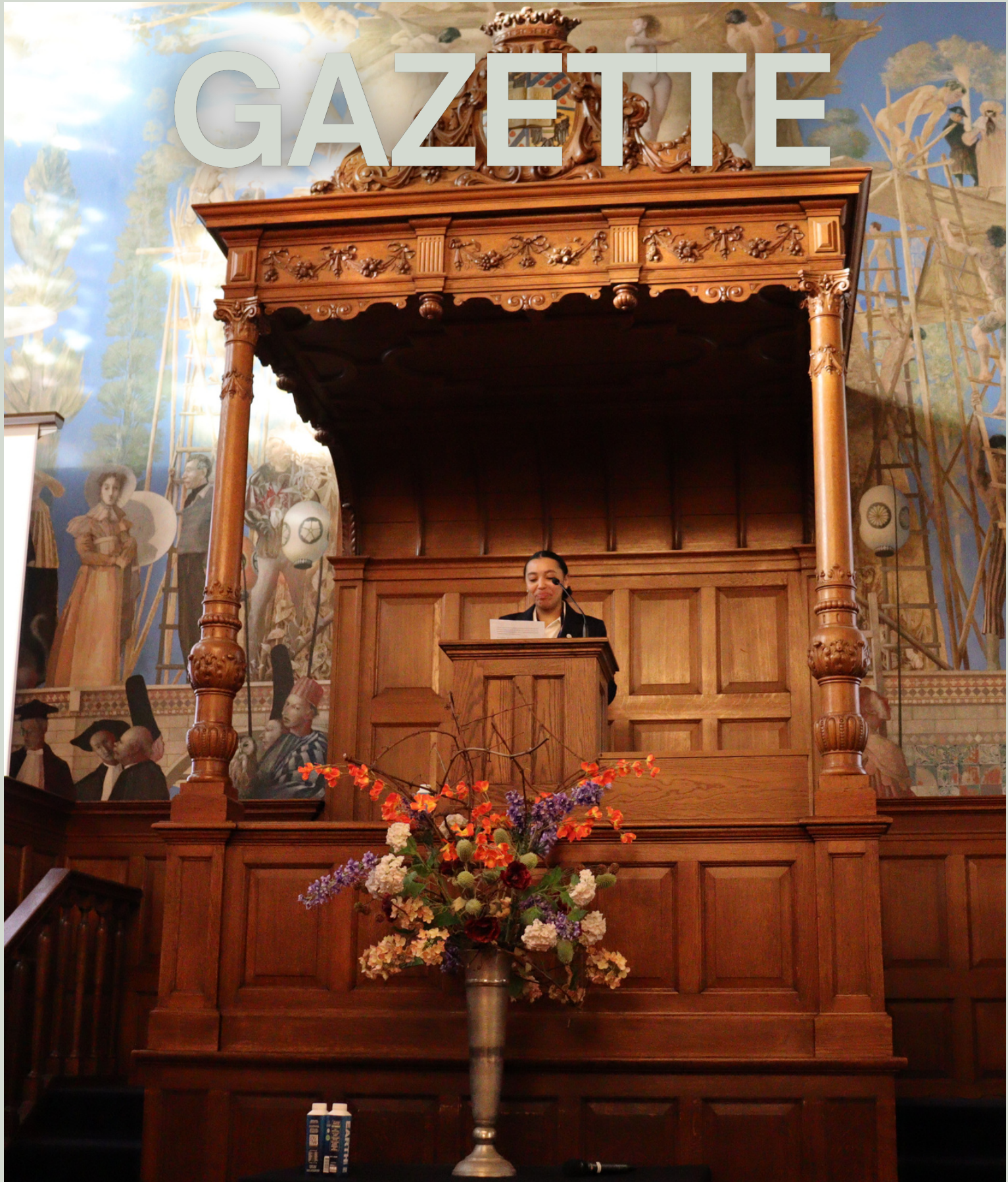


GRUNNMMUN

GAZETTE



STARTING WITH A (LITERAL) BANG

MEMBERS OF BOTH TEIMUN SOCIETY AND BOARD DART IN AND OUT OF THE HALL, THE GENTLE THUNKING OF THE TALL WOODEN DOORS DRAWING GLANCES FROM THOSE LESS FOCUSED AMONG THE AUDIENCE. JÁCHYM ŠETKA STANDS AT THE FRONT OF THE AULA HALL, TESTING THE MIC IN HUSHED CZECH. THOUGH RATHER TALL, HE NOW APPEARS DWARFED BY THE SHEER SIZE OF THE PODIUM. UNSMILING, PREOCCUPIED, BUT NEVER HAPPIER. HE TAKES IN THE ROOM, APPEARING TO SAVOUR THE FEELING OF LORDING OVER MORE THAN 100 DELEGATES, BEFORE MAKING WAY FOR THE TRUE OPENING SPEAKER OF THE DAY. ELIŠKA JELÍNKOVÁ, THE SECRETARY, SILENCES THE ROOM AND WORKS TO INTRODUCE THE REST OF THE PRESENTERS, AND ENSURES THAT THE OBLIGATORY 'FRUITFUL' IS DROPPED WITHIN THE FIRST MINUTE. SHE WELCOMES UP PRESIDENT VANESSA LIZZI TO THE RHYTHM OF APPLAUSE, WHO, TRY AS SHE MIGHT, CANNOT MAKE THE MONTHS OF WORK THAT WENT INTO THE CONFERENCE FEEL ANY LESS DISTANT. NOW THAT THE DAY ITSELF HAS FINALLY ARRIVED, HER HUMILITY MAKES THEIR ACHIEVEMENT SEEM ALL THE MORE EFFORTLESS.

PANOS MERKOURIS, THE LAW PROFESSOR WHO NEXT TAKES HIS PLACE ON THE STAGE, SEEMS A TOUCH BASHFUL IN THE WAKE OF A LENGTHY DESCRIPTION OF HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. "THE MORE YOU ACHIEVE, THE SHORTER THE CV" HE SAYS "I AIM TO ONE DAY HAVE A CV THAT IS JUST ONE LINE". HE THEN PROCEEDS TO USE A *HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY* TO ILLUSTRATE HIS THESIS: THAT IT IS WE WHO GIVE IDEAS TO MEANINGLESS TASKS, NO SOONER REACHING FOR GREEK MYTHOLOGY, CAMUS, MATHEMATICS, HENKIN, TENNYSON... 'CONNOISSEUR OF PHILOSOPHY, MATHEMATICS AND POETRY' MAY NOW BE QUEUING FOR ADDITION TO THAT LENGTHY CV OF HIS, PERHAPS TO HIS CHAGRIN.

CHARMING ENOUGH TO REFER TO HIMSELF AS A "MEDIocre WHITE MAN", BELOVED ALUM TEUN JANSSEN IS NEXT TO FACE THE DELEGATES. HE FLEXES HIS FAITH IN HIS FRIENDSHIPS AMONG THE TEIMUN ORGANISERS WHEN HE JOKES ABOUT THE GRUNNMUN BUDGET PAYING FOR HIS - APPARENTLY VERY COMFORTABLE - HOTEL. HIS FOCUS IS ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ABSURDITY AND HAPPINESS, VERY FITTING AGAINST THE BIZARRE BLUE MURAL BEHIND HIM, LITTERED WITH CHERUBIM AND HOGWEED. "SILLINESS, MOCKERY, AND PLAYING ARE WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR TODAY. PLAY IS HEALTHY, AND SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE, AND AN ESSENTIAL PART OF SOCIETY". WITH IT WE CAN EMBRACE AND OVERCOME OUR INSECURITIES, HE SAYS, BEFORE REMINISCING ABOUT NUKING CHINA AS THE DELEGATE OF THE UNITED STATES. HIS SPEECH THEN TAKES ON A MORE SOMBER TONE AS HE DESCRIBES THE WAYS IN WHICH THOSE WITH POWER FEAR BEING MADE TO LOOK "SILLY, CHILDISH, AND HUMAN". HE EMPHASISES THE UNDERSTATED POWER OF ALCOHOL IN SOFTENING THE DELICATE DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS HE NOW OVERSEES, AND ENDS WITH A FEW MORE WORDS OF HARDEARNED ADVICE: "DON'T NUKE CHINA".

NO SOONER HAD THE SECRETARY-GENERAL LUCIA LAMOŠOVÁ BANGED THE GAVEL, WAS TEUN ACCOSTED BY THE PRESS FOR AN INTERVIEW...



ABSOLUTELY ABOMUNABLE: WHAT NOT TO DO AS A DELEGATE



SHOWERED WITH SO MANY GIFTS THAT HE LOOKED LIKE HE HAD JUST COME BACK FROM A MALL SHOPPING SPREE, THE EXPERIENCED DELEGATE OFFERED UP SOME OF HIS BEST TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME MUNERS.

“DON'T GET UPSET. INSTEAD, MAKE YOURSELF THE BEST OPTION”

IF THINGS DON'T GO YOUR WAY, REMEMBER THAT YOU STILL NEED TO LEAVE WITH SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR YOUR EFFORTS. PICK YOURSELF BACK UP AND TRY TO COME TO A CALM AND COLLECTED COMPROMISE.

“PEOPLE GET TRAPPED IN EXISTING FRAMEWORKS; SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO BLOW THEM UP AND THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX... WITHIN REASON”

HE EXPLAINS THAT ONE OF THE JOYS OF A SIMULATION CONFERENCE IS BEING ABLE TO EXPERIMENT WITH ABSURD IDEAS THAT MIGHT BE OUT OF REACH IN A REAL DIPLOMATIC CONTEXT WITH HIGHER STAKES. IT'S LIKE A SANDBOX: AN INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THROUGH FLIRTING WITH FAILURE.

WHEN SEARCHING FOR ANOTHER EXPERIENCED DELEGATE TO GRILL, ONE NAME ROSE QUICKLY TO THE TOP. HAVING ATTENDED MUN CONFERENCES IN MULTIPLE COUNTRIES, YOANA NIKOLOVA HAD THE FOLLOWING INSIGHTS TO SHARE:

“DON'T OVERPOWER OR SPEAK OVER SMALLER COUNTRIES”

SIMULATING A COUNTRY WITH LESS POLITICAL INFLUENCE OFTEN POSES UNIQUE CHALLENGES, AND A CERTAIN LEVEL OF GRACE AND RESTRAINT SHOULD BE SHOWN BY DELEGATES WHOSE NATION'S VOICES ARE MAGNIFIED BY DEFAULT, SUCH AS THE SUPERPOWERS.

“MAKE SURE WHAT YOU SAY IS 'CORRECT', EVEN IF IT'S JUST A JOKE, AND TRY TO BE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE/MINDFUL”

YOANA EXPLAINS HOW SHE IS CAREFUL NOT TO INADVERTENTLY DISRESPECT ANY COUNTRY SHE REPRESENTS. A CATHOLIC HERSELF, SHE WAS THE DELEGATE OF A MUSLIM-MAJORITY COUNTRY FOR THIS CONFERENCE. SHE SAYS SHE MADE SURE TO READ UP ON ISLAM BEFOREHAND AND TALK WITH MUSLIM FRIENDS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND A LARGE PORTION OF THE PEOPLE SHE IS REPRESENTING.”

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, SHE SAYS: *“IT'S A BIT CLICHE, BUT HAVE FUN”*

THE GOAL OF THESE CONFERENCES IS ULTIMATELY TO GROW A DIVERSE ARRAY OF SKILLS IN A SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. TREASURE THE CONNECTIONS YOU MAKE ABOVE ALL!

HUMAN RIGHTS: A PROBLEM OLDER THAN BRITISH COLONIES

AS A BEGINNER COUNCIL, THE UNHRC TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE OF ADDRESSING THE ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS CATASTROPHES IN SUDAN.

INITIALLY, THE DISCUSSION SEEMED PEACEFUL AND MELLOW, WITH MANY DELEGATES BONDING OVER BEING THE VICTIM OF WESTERN INTERVENTION. HOWEVER, DRAMA SOON EMERGED WHEN INDIA MADE A BOLD STATEMENT, PUTTING THE BLAME ON THE FORMER BRITISH COLONISERS FOR THE ESCALATION OF THE SUDANESE SITUATION. THE UK COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO STAY PUT AFTER SUCH A BLATANT ACCUSATION, AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR RIGHT TO REPLY, CALLED THE COMMENT AN 'OVERESTIMATION' IN ITS ATTEMPT TO LINK BRITAIN'S COLONIAL PAST TO A CONTEMPORARY CRISIS. AFTER A BURST OF INTENSE DISCUSSION, THE CHAIRS ASKED INDIA TO APOLOGIZE. THEY OBLIGED, ALBEIT SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY. IN A BRIEF MOMENT OF RESPITE FROM THE VOLATILE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ROOM, THE DELEGATION OF ERITREA OFFERED AID TO SOMALIA BY DRAWING CURTAINS OVER RAYS OF BLINDING SUNLIGHT THAT HAD BEGUN TO STREAM INTO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROOM.

AS THE DISCUSSION CONTINUED, MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM DARTED SWIFTLY FROM ROOM TO ROOM DELIVERING EXTENSION CORDS, A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF WHICH PROVED TO BE THE PRIMARY PROBLEM PLAGUING DELEGATES, TRUMPING THE EVER SO SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION, THE DELEGATES DEMONSTRATED THEIR UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PECULIARITIES OF THE SITUATION IN SUDAN, WITH TWO PARTICULAR S'S GETTING THROWN AROUND VIGOROUSLY: STABILITY AND SECURITY.



EVELIN NAGY

UHRC

SOUTH SUDAN, IN SPITE OF ITS ROCKY HISTORY WITH SUDAN, EXPRESSED IMMENSE SUPPORT AND EMPATHY. AFTER A GUT-WRENCHING STATEMENT FROM SUDAN DETAILING THE HORRIFIC REALITY EXPERIENCED BY ITS POPULATION, THE FOCUS WAS ON FINDING A SOLUTION. THE DELEGATION OF UAE THEN MADE A HEROIC MOVE: OFFERING THEMSELVES UP FOR THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR. OTHER DELEGATIONS, SUCH AS THE UK, WENT ON TO DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE.

AS PART OF THE GSL, RUSSIA URGED ITS FELLOW DELEGATES TO LOOK AT THE DEPTH OF THE CONFLICT AND ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES, WHILE CHINA BECAME THE VOICE OF REASON, REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE COUNCIL'S LIMITS WHEN IT COMES TO EXERCISING THEIR POWER.





TENSIONS RISING FASTER THAN THE SEA LEVEL

THE ROOM OF THE UNEP BEGINNER COUNCIL HAD A CHEERY ATMOSPHERE. ALL THE DELEGATES SEEMED UNITED UNDER THE PROMISE OF CREATING A FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH OTHER, RATHER THAN A CUTTHROAT COMPETITION. MEMBER STATES SHARED HEARTY LAUGHS AT EACH OTHER'S FUN FACTS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEIR NATION'S LOYALTIES LAY. THESE MOMENTS OF CONNECTION NOT ONLY SERVED AS A WARM UP, BUT ALSO REVEALED THE GREAT LEVEL OF DEDICATION OF THESE NEW DELEGATES, SOME OF WHOM WENT AS FAR AS TO WEAR A WEDDING SUIT TO FIT THE DRESS CODE.

"YOU ARE NOT AN INDIVIDUAL ANYMORE" WAS AMONG THE GREAT LIFE LESSONS SHARED BY ONE OF THE CHAIRS TOGETHER WITH THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES SHE WAS LISTING FOR THE DELEGATES. THAT SAME CHAIR HEAVILY EMPHASIZED THE CORRECT PRONUNCIATION OF THE WORD 'DELEGATE', APPARENTLY ONE OF HER PET PEEVES.

THE BANGING OF THE GAVEL TOWARDS THE END OF THE DELEGATES' SPEECHES - WHICH, DESPITE THE CHAIR'S PROMISE TO BE GENTLE WITH IT, BORDERED ON DEAFENING - INITIALLY CAUSED THOSE WHO HAD YET TO BE DESENSITISED TO STUTTER OR LOSE THEIR TRAIN OF THOUGHT.

THE WORDS 'URGENCY' AND 'RESPONSIBILITY' ARE UTTERED COUNTLESS TIMES AS THE DELEGATES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES EMBARK ON THEIR JOURNEY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RISING SEA LEVELS. THE DELEGATES WERE SEEMINGLY TRYING TO ONE-UP EACH OTHER OVER WHO WAS MORE AFFECTED BY THE PROBLEM AT HAND. ONLY ONE CONSENSUS WAS QUICK TO FORM: THAT FUNDING FROM HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES IS A MUST. LIKEWISE, UNIQUE APPROACHES WERE TAKEN THAT MIGHT WELL BE THE ENVY OF REAL WORLD DIPLOMATS, CHIEF AMONG THESE BEING THE INTRODUCTION OF A CARBON TAX. CHINA - WHO DISPLAYED AN ASTONISHING SENSE OF INDIVIDUALITY BY REFERRING TO THEMSELVES AS 'I' 17 TIMES IN SPITE OF THE EXPLICIT WARNING BY THE CHAIR - TOOK A STRONG STANCE: "...THE WEST SHOULD TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY" WHILE SHOOTING A PIERCING GLARE TOWARDS THE UK AND US DELEGATES, WHO SAT HUDDLED TOGETHER IN THE OPPOSITE CORNER OF THE ROOM. ASIDE FROM CHINA, TWO MORE SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPANTS COULD BE IDENTIFIED: FIJI AND THE US. WHILE FIJI RAISED CRITICAL POINTS, THE US WAS EVIDENTLY PRIORITISING THE QUANTITY OVER THE QUALITY OF INPUTS. THE CHAIRS SOON HAD A FRENEMY SITUATION ON THEIR HANDS AS WELL, INVOLVING THE COMMITTEE AND CHINA. IT STARTED OUT AS THE FORMER BULLYING THE LATTER FOR ITS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO POLLUTION, UNTIL, LITTLE BY LITTLE, THE TIDES TURNED, AND A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP EVENTUALLY BLOOMED.

IT'S STARTING TO GET OLD: AGING POPULATIONS AND WORLD ECONOMIES



THIS INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL WAS CONCERNED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF AGING POPULATIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON WORLD ECONOMIES. THOUGH SMALL IN SIZE, THE OPINIONATED ENTHUSIASM OF EVERYONE PRESENT MORE THAN MADE UP FOR IT. WHEN THE MAXIMIZATION OF BIRTH RATES WAS MENTIONED, JAPAN TOOK A PERMISSIVE STANCE. THE DELEGATE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH BOOSTING BIRTH RATES SHOULD BE A PRIORITY, PRESSURE TO DO SO SHOULD NOT FALL ON A COUNTRY'S PEOPLE. ADDITIONALLY, JAPAN TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT EACH COIN HAS TWO SIDES: AN UNCHECKED RISE IN BIRTH RATES BY THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES MIGHT LEAD TO OVERPOPULATION.

THE MOTION FOR AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS WAS UNSURPRISINGLY MET WITH OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. DELEGATES SHOT UP FROM THEIR SEATS, DESPERATELY TRYING TO LOCK EYES WITH POTENTIAL ALLIES FROM ACROSS THE ROOM. THEY EVENTUALLY BROKE OFF INTO SUBGROUPS TO DISCUSS THEIR VIEWS MORE DISCRETELY. HEADS CLASHED BETWEEN THE HIGH INCOME AND THE LOW INCOME COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR,

WITH THE LATTER ACCUSING THE FORMER OF NOT TAKING THEM INTO ACCOUNT WHEN DRAFTING THE RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO THE LOW INCOME COUNTRIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PLACING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL BURDENS ON NATIONS LIKE THEMSELVES WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THE SESSION WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS FAIR SHARE OF FEUDING. CHINA CALLED OUT THE NETHERLANDS, WHICH IT ACCUSED OF HYPOCRISY IN WANTING IMPROVED HEALTHCARE SUBSIDIES. THEY CITED THE INFAMOUS CASE OF THE CURRENT DUTCH PRIME MINISTER'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE DISCRIMINATORY CHILDCARE BENEFITS SCANDAL.

"THE RETIREMENT AGE SHOULD INCREASE SO PEOPLE WORK MORE" WAS AN INTERESTING STANCE TAKEN BY SLOVAKIA, WHO DID NOT APPEAR TO VALUE RESPECTING OR AIDING THE ELDERLY THE WAY MOST OF THEIR FELLOW DELEGATES DID. THE INITIAL RESOLUTION FAILED TO PASS. WHERE TO NEXT? THAT IS UP TO THE DELEGATES...



'LET'S SPLIT IT LIKE...50/50' DISCUSSIONS ON THE ARCTIC

NATO TRULY SERVED ITS PURPOSE AS AN INTERMEDIATE COUNCIL. THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE MILITARIZATION OF THE ARCTIC WERE EXTENSIVE AND INCORPORATED MANY PERSPECTIVES. WHILST THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN NEGOTIATIONS SEEMED TO COME FROM THE ICY WASTES OF NORTH AMERICA, THE REST OF THE DELEGATES DESERVE AMPLE CREDIT FOR THEIR VALUABLE INPUTS. THE EVER INVOLVED DELEGATE OF GERMANY ADVOCATED FOR SUSTAINABILITY BEING A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE FUTURE RESOLUTION, VIVIDLY DESCRIBING A (LIKELY) SCENARIO OF GRONINGEN FLOODING. DENMARK EXPRESSED ITS SINCERE SYMPATHIES, BUT WAS RELENTLESSLY TRYING TO MOVE DEBATE FORWARD.

FOR MOST DELEGATES, A COMMON CONCERN WAS THE RUSSIAN THREAT TO THE ARCTIC AND BEYOND. DELEGATES WERE LIKE SHARKS OUT FOR BLOOD. THEY WERE UNAFRAID TO THROW SHADE AT OTHER DELEGATES FOR FAILING TO RECOGNIZE THE WEIGHT OF THE MATTER. LATVIA RIPPED GERMANY'S REASONING TO SHREDS FOR ITS PROHIBITION ON MILITARIZATION, A REMNANT OF 1945 AIMED AT DISCREDITING THE GERMAN ARGUMENT. CLASHES IN THE COMMITTEE CENTERED NOT ONLY AROUND SUSTAINABLY MAINTAINING THE ARCTIC, BUT ALSO CONCERNS OF WEAPONS TESTING WERE RAISED. AFTER A CHARACTERISTIC ALL-KNOWING SMIRK, A TRAIN OF NOTES STARTED GOING AROUND BETWEEN THE USA AND CANADA. THE DEBATE REALLY CAME TO A BOIL AS THE USA PRESENTED A 'SIGNED AND NOTARIZED DOCUMENT', SUPPOSEDLY PROVIDED BY THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNSC, PRESENTING A CONTROVERSIAL OFFER OF SPLITTING THE ARCTIC BETWEEN THE USA AND RUSSIA 'LIKE... 50/50'. ANOTHER OUTRAGEOUS PROPOSAL WAS THE USA OFFER TO 'BUY CANADA', TO WHICH THE LATTER SIMPLY APPLIED WITH A 'WE ARE EXPENSIVE'. AFTER THE INITIAL CHAOS DISSIPATED FROM THE ROOM, AND DELEGATES WERE ABLE TO CATCH THEIR BREATH, THE USA PROCEEDED TO PUT FORWARD A MOTION FOR AN UNMODERATED CAUCUS. THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF MOTIONS PROPOSED SPEAKS TO THE COMPLEXITY AND DEPTH OF THE TOPIC. THE FIRST RESOLUTION WAS REJECTED WITH AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, BUT EVENTUALLY THE SECOND RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, WHICH PASSED WITH A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY. THE WORLD WAS SAVED FROM ANOTHER PERIOD OF CHAOS, NORTH-AMERICAN DEBAUCHERY, AND RUSSIAN GUILLE.



'A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE CHILDREN'



THE AIR IN THE COUNCIL ROOM WAS THICK WITH TENSION IN THE WAKE OF THE OPENING SPEECHES. ONLY ONE SOUL WAS BRAVE ENOUGH TO VOICE WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IN THE RING WAS THINKING: HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY PRONOUNCE 'BALOCHISTAN'? THE MATTER WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT TO VOTE, BUT THE RANGE OF PRONUNCIATIONS USED FROM THAT POINT ONWARD REMAINED VAST. MUTTERINGS OF TERRORISM COULD BE HEARD WITHIN THE FIRST MINUTE OF THE UNMODERATED CAUCUS THAT FOLLOWED, WHERE THE DELEGATES AIMED TO CLARIFY WHERE THE MAJOR AREAS OF UNITY AND DIVISION WERE BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS. CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE BALOCHISTAN REGION WAS NATURALLY A GOOD PREDICTOR OF THE LEVEL OF INTENSITY AND OUTSPOKENNESS FROM ANY GIVEN DELEGATE. THE POWER OF CERTAIN ALLIANCES COULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED, HOWEVER, WHEN THE UNITED STATES WAS ULTIMATELY FIRST TO SPEAK, EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE VIOLENCE SHOWCASED BY PAKISTAN IN THE REGION.

MANY WERE TAKEN ABACK BY THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE'S SOMEWHAT UNCHARACTERISTIC PEACE-SEEKING DIPLOMACY, SOMETHING WHICH CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF AFGHANISTAN, A FIGURE WHO QUICKLY ROSE TO PROMINENCE AS A STRONG, LEADING VOICE WITHIN THE COUNCIL. THE DELEGATE OF AUSTRALIA ALSO EXERTED GREAT INFLUENCE, ALBEIT IN A QUIETER, MORE DISCRETE FASHION. IT WAS THE SULTAN OF OMAN WHOSE WORDS SEEMED TO CARRY THE MOST WEIGHT AND IT WAS HE WHO PROPOSED THE FIRST

MODERATED CAUCUS OF THE DAY, ON ESTABLISHING PEACE IN THE REGION AND OF BALOCHISTAN'S RIGHT TO SELF-SOVEREIGNTY. QATAR'S CALLS FOR PEACE WERE INTERTWINED WITH PRAISE FOR THEIR OWN ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, SOMETHING THEY CLAIMED TO WANT TO BRING TO THE REGION OF BALOCHISTAN WHILE ALSO RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF PAKISTAN. FRANCE QUICKLY GREW ALIGNED WITH RUSSIA, CALLING FOR A 'PEACE MISSION' TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE REGION WITH THE AIM OF ENSURING

ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE DELEGATE OF IRAN SAID IN CHEERY YET MENACING TONES THAT "CHILDREN ARE THE BRIGHTEST JEWELS", FURTHER DESCRIBING TERRORISM AS A 'CANCER' THAT HARMED SOCIETY'S MOST VULNERABLE. THEY SUCCESSFULLY MOTIONED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE, WHERE ONLY THE UNITED KINGDOM - DRESSED TO THE NINES IN A DARK GREEN SUIT AND RED BOW TIE - HAD THE AUDACITY TO DISTURB UPON RETURN FROM THE BATHROOM.

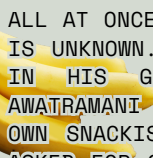
IN THE END, THE RESOLUTION CALLED FOR NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PAKISTAN AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE RIGOROUS ANTI-TERRORISM MECHANISMS IN COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL AGENCIES. THE STATE OF OMAN WILL SERVE AS A MEDIATOR AMONG THE AFFECTED NATIONS IN THE COUNCIL. THE FOCUS ON NON-FORCIBLE MEASURES WITH REGARDS TO ANTI-TERRORISM, TOGETHER WITH THE EMPHASIS ON PEACEFUL DIALOGUE, CREATES A HOPEFUL IMAGE FOR THE FUTURE.



GAVEL GOSSIP



GOING BANANAS!



NATO CHAIR MICHAL NOWACKI BROUGHT AN 'EXCESSIVE' NUMBER OF BANANAS TO HIS COUNCIL ROOM, DISPLAYING THEM PROUDLY UP AT THE FRONT. THE BANANAS WERE CONSUMED SLOWLY AND INDULGENTLY ONE BY ONE THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE (AS OPPOSED TO ALL AT ONCE). THE EXACT MESSAGE BEHIND THIS STUNT IS UNKNOWN. THE FIRST-TIME CHAIR WALLOWED ALONE IN HIS GLUTTONY, AS HIS CO-CHAIR LAKSHYA AWATRAMANI SHOWED MORE MODESTY AND RESISTED HIS OWN SNACKISH URGES UNTIL LUNCH. WHEN THE PRESS ASKED FOR COMMENT, NOWACKI TOOK THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN. HIS LONG-TERM ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE PAPARAZZI HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MULTIPLE HIGH PROFILE LAWSUITS, AND AN UNNAMED SOURCE CLAIMS A YET ANOTHER CASE IS PENDING.

ANYTHING LESS THAN OVERPREPARED IS..

IN AN ACT OF SHAMELESS INTIMIDATION, ONE NATO DELEGATE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PRINTED OUT EVERY OTHER DELEGATION'S POLICY STATEMENT AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN A BINDER. THIS LEFT ONE OF THE CHAIRS 'PRACTICALLY SHAKING WITH FEAR'.

TWO LEFT FEET

THE GRUNNMUN ORGANISING TEAM HAVE COME UNDER FIRE BY MULTIPLE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS AFTER FOOTAGE BEGAN CIRCULATING OVER WHATSAPP OF WHAT CRITICS HAVE DESCRIBED AS A 'CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT'. THE DELEGATES IN THE FOOTAGE CAN BE SEEN DANCING TO KESHA'S 'TIMBER', PANTING AND EXHAUSTED. THE IDENTITY AND FATE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FILMING REMAIN UNKNOWN. THE FANCY FOOTWORK OF THE SUFFERING DELEGATES FAR OUTDID THAT OF SECRETARIAT AND FAMED CELEBRITY SOCIALITE LUCIA LAMOŠOVÁ, WHO WAS SEEN FALLING REAR-FIRST WHILE TRYING TO SIT BESIDE - RATHER THAN ON - A CHAIR BY MULTIPLE CREDIBLE WITNESSES.

WHAT IS THEIR DEAL?!?!

NO STRANGER TO SCANDAL, THE FOUNDATIONS OF TEIMUN WERE ONCE AGAIN SHAKEN WHEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND THE CHAIR OF SOCIETY HIMSELF WERE CAUGHT GETTING A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. THE PAIR'S ATTEMPTS AT KEEPING THEIR FORBIDDEN FONDNESS FOR ONE ANOTHER A SECRET WERE FOILED THE SECOND THEY DECIDED TO EXIT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE ACADEMY BUILDING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. TO MAKE THINGS EVEN SPICIER, FAN ACCOUNTS ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER) HAVE BEGUN SPECULATING ABOUT JACHYM'S NEWFOUND PENCHANT FOR HAGEN DAAZ ICE-CREAM AND SWEATPANTS...



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