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Day 3: May day! May day! May day!

Hello NEIMUNers!

Amidst the wordly comings and goings, observe how endings become beginnings.'

As I write this piece, my heart feels heavy for I know that the journey we took together is drawing closer to an end. Let us congratulate and celebrate on the successful third day of the NEIMUN 2015. However, it is with great furor, I and my team here at the International Press Team would like to make known to you the 'unprecedented yesterday', which we would rather like to call it the, 'The MAYDAY' of NEIMUN 2015!

3RD November 2015, was a day filled with 'unheard-of' series of events. While I was miserably failing in descant, my diligent team members, who over the few days here, have become friends and family of NEIMUN helped me in recounting those episodes.

'Hey, If you are done charging your phone, will you please return my Power Bank?!' was all our graphic designer from the team exclaimed by the end of the day. And we burst out laughing ROFL. Confused eh? As the team reported early at 8, here at the Press Team office, he had realized his power bank (charger) was gone. Did I say GONE?! I think I'd rather put it, STOLEN! However, the 'Thief' (as we could by now call him/her because we never found the charger!) turned out to be an exciting personality. S/he also happened to have stolen his ID card's jacket!(cover), S/he left us 'MUN-SHOCKED'!!

While we were coming to terms with the incident, we also learnt that few other personal properties were missing, mostly of the IP teams, like cash and others. I and the NEIMUN team would like to express our disappointments on such undesired activity and reprimand the same.

Across the hallway, the Delegates and Trainers of the various Committees were engaged in some 'High Politics' and bargained hard for drafting resolutions. The DISEC committee was the last one to come to a 'compromise'. The resolution-making indeed meant business today. The reporters of the team reverted to me that, "Poland and Russia proclaimed themselves to be the grammar Nazis to the resolution-making process." And China complained that 'everyone agrees with Rwanda because she's the president!'

Later, during the social event, the delegates were electrified to dance and sway. The trainers were also well equipped to battle on the dancing floor, in their comfortable sneakers. We had our respective stickers stuck on our cheeks making us a part of the larger International Diplomatic Family that brought us here together in unison. May day also turned out to be a fun day after all.

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Dissecting DISEC

“It is not MY resolution. It is OUR resolution.”

With the dawn of a new day, the delegates were induced with energy more than a shotgun (finally keeping pace with the agenda, eh?) as they commenced with their resolution making, a final bid to curb the illegal trade of small arms and light weapons. With three blocs coming together to merge their draft resolutions, the committee saw some heated discussion and debate (often to fight the removal of a comma or addition of a semi colon). There was active participation from the delegate of Germany who constantly pointed out the grammatical errors in the clauses (such a grammar-NAZI!).

As the committee progressed, MUN-ey matters came to the fore. On this instance, Nigeria, despite being the richest economy of Africa, bluntly refused to fund the combat of the illicit trade taking place in Africa. The delegate of Pakistan, which incidentally happens to have one of

the largest markets of small arms, kept blaming the other nations for failing to monitor the weapons trade (she sure is a MUN-iac).

During tea, besides MUNching on cookies, the 'Dedicated-Delegates' also engaged in informal consultation. Later in the day, health issues of people working in the weapon-making factories were deliberated at length. It was herein acknowledged that those who made weapons died the earliest (without even being shot by it!), as the gun powder causes asthmatic problems.

After lunch, the committee saw certain delegates turning 'wild' as they blamed nations like Kenya and Somalia for allowing the trafficking of arms through their 'jungles'. The committee also dwelled on the environMUNtal issues, most notably that of the insurgents who use illegal weapons in mine blasts which

subsequently pollute the surrounding area.

This committee also witnessed some rather strange alliances in the form of China agreeing with US in most terms (Xi Jinping, are you listening?). Later in the afternoon, the now DEADicated delegates negotiated the 9 clauses which were repeated in the resolution.

With each passing minute, all over the world, one person gets shot by an illegal small arm. While the suited delegates in an AC room negotiate the final draft of their 9 page resolution, will it be enough to stop the epidemic of trafficked grenades in the rest of the world?

The day's simulation was concluded with the election of the Speaker, Abhinav Bora, with a majority of 13 votes.

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E C O F I N

Economic and Financial Committee

The tension in the air could be felt. Delegates from one bloc wouldn't make eye contact with members from the other bloc. Ladies were getting nervous, thinking twice before calling a rival bloc member cute in their talk sessions. Probably because that could violate a major rule from their 'how to be enemies with your enemies' hand book. Too many potential leaders in one place working for the same cause leaves more room for arguments. And since we're in a MUN, I would like to call it argu-MUN-s.

But before I could say my thanks to the Almighty, he decided to turn his back against me. Why you ask? Well, the

delegates merged their resolutions! The only two gangs of ECOFIN were coming to a CONSENSUS. You guys have been a major disappoint-MUN-t. Where are you angry delegates? Where is the fight ya'll? Where are you now that I need you?

While merging, it began with quiet negotiations and they seemed to have agreed upon all the preambulatory clauses. When they came across a certain operative clause that they did not agree upon, they would edit it and move on. However, 15 minutes into maintaining decorum and they had already started raising their voices. That's what it sounded like to me. One

of them went on to say, "Dude I'm not flash, I can't read a 100 page document." So said Russia to Libya.

One major thing missing from my entertainment was a cat fight, and the trainer was looking for drama. Suddenly, the unexpected happened—the gang members clapped their hands! That sounded like a prison bell, marking the end of my hopes for conundrum and drama. They had successfully come to a consensus.

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*Photographs by: **Tazdaar Hazarika***



S O C H U M

Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee

Rhapsodically begun, functorily processed and satisfactorily lapsed. With the smooth functioning of the committee the IPC member was enchanted by the committee's excitement and heated environment. After the GSL in motion, yesterday, the delegates had put their country's stances on point. Today, the pleas to arrive at solutions or suggestions regarding the elimination of violence against women and political

participation, and other factors echoed in the committee; concrete or detailed solutions as to how the goal can be achieved was presented during the whole committee session. With the end of the informal session, we hope that the sun shines brighter for SOCHUM during the amendment process. Only time, or otherwise a psychic, will determine its much anticipated faith. But then again let's just leave the psychics for the fantasy committee.



To be honest section (TBH)

Laurabeth, SOCHUM: "TBH, I'm so inspired by all the potential within the budding delegates waiting to blossom."

Volunteer, SOCHUM: "TBH, So many pretty girls in this committee; one of them being Laurabeth, but so less time."

Delegate of XYZ: "TBH, I feel that the delegate of Central Republic of Africa spends most of the committee time fixing his pants."

Delegate of UK and Costa Rica: "We came to a certain consensus that the prettiest girl in this committee is the delegate of Egypt. We also suggest that if you find the committee boring, just take a good look at her."

Delegate of Russia: "TBH, I really, really wish that Vladimir Putin was a better person."



NEIMUN. So boring.... or what?

Fun facts

* SOCHUM, without any doubt is the hu-MUN-rous (read 'humorous') committee.

Quoting the committee,
"Delegate of United Kingdom has his eyes popping out like a frog and lips like Sunil Shetty." So could we call him a Sunil Froggy?

"Delegate of Egypt is the 'Monica' of SOCHUM" (Whaddup FRIENDS reference)
Laurabeth says, **"Delegate of Egypt has her research file so organized and pretty."**

"Delegate of Germany always keeps forgetting... forgot."
Delegate of Germany forgets almost everything she says.

"Delegate of Syria is always lost." **"Syria is the Bermuda Triangle of SOCHUM"** says the delegate of Germany. During roll call: "Delegate of Syria? DELEGATE OF SYRIA AAAAAAAAA? SYRRRRRIIAAA?" *no sign of Syria*

Delegates of Guatemala, Somalia, Mexico, USA, Ghana, Bolivia, Argentina, Syria, Bangladesh, African Republic are having a good time building the most magnificent Placard Tower as high as the table.

"Delegate of Peru is always stuck with Instagram and Clash of Clans." - says his clan. (read 'bloc')

Did you know?

NEIMUN 2015 has seen some of the biggest yawns! Apparently, real dialogues are happening!

The day had begun with the making of the resolution paper. The committee was divided into two blocs—One bloc comprising of the government representatives and the other the Indigenous people's representatives' bloc. One could hear some arguments once in a while between the two blocs. However, the much anticipated heat was missing.

In the Government bloc, the various representatives were discussing the problems of their respective countries, trying to find suitable solutions which would not harm their government policies. Underdeveloped countries raised their woes at their inability to raise funds and install technologies that would reduce the impact of climate change, and hence planned to resort to low funded techniques such as artificial afforestation, reducing resource wastage and seeking help from the Superpowers to provide relief

funds. The delegate of India seemed to be apprehensive of his stand because he wanted his country to develop and therefore was not ready to 'cut down' the carbon emissions, but, at the same time he wanted his country to be pollution free. The delegate of China was rather comical when he said, "The Sun is shining bright outside, and we are sitting here to discuss sustainable development but why are all the lights of this hall switched on which leads to wastage of electricity?" The Indian supreme leader's visit to France earlier this year was reflected in the bonding between the two countries during the informal consultations.

The Indigenous Representatives' bloc was discussing grassroot level solutions which would not only be beneficial for the indigenous population but also for the environment of their respective countries. The delegates are thorough with their

research and they are fully aware of what they are looking for in this committee. The chair gave his input in order to come up with a holistic resolution paper for his committee.

The draft resolution had over fifteen preambulatory clauses. The most comical proposal was made by the Indigenous People's Representative of Canada, which was to change the name of the Convention plan already enacted upon by the UN. All the delegates unanimously raised their placards in the air in objection to this proposal.

All said and done, the committee was successful in getting their work done in spite of the intermittent comical reliefs.

Reported by: Prachi Sharma
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Money and power bank

The kleptomaniacs have done it again! Stealing moments along with valuables. May Day for the Press Team. One power bank mysteriously disappeared from the table. Money vanished into thin air out of wallets. Scared of the news, even wallets ran away from pockets. ID cards are stripped bare. What a day!

Umm.... Please bring back the power bank if you have charged your phone. The Press Team really needs the charger and the power bank back.

As for the lost money, please do not forget to thank those who helped you in time of your need (before the conference ends).

Oh, and by the way, the Press Room has a third eye....the CCTV. Just for your information.



To do or not to do... what to do?

Hell bent on uprooting the problem of substance abuse broke the delegates of UNGASS into five geo-political blocs resulting in four resolutions. Outnumbered in the present sitting but never muted, the members of the European Union joined forces with the Asian Pacific bloc to brainstorm their resolution. Most of the 'gossip girls' of the committee chirped that "birds of the same feather flock together"; except that the birds happen to be vultures in this case. Like rail tracks, the four resolutions of the five blocs ran parallel to each other for quite a long time before merging into two. Difficult to catch up with? Here, check out mathematics being useful for the first time:

Let a , b and c be the five blocs' resolutions which were formed during the day:

According to the situation,

A = Asia Pacific + European Union

B = A + Latin American and Caribbean Group

C = B + Western European and Other Groups + African Union

Thus, C = the solution to the problem of substance abuse.

As simple as the equation may seem, the delegates had to fight tooth and nail to get their way in to the resolution both in terms of getting others to admit their ideas and getting others' attention. Certain delegates, who shall remain anonymous, were far from reluctant to express their despair at the domination of negotiations by the delegates of People's Republic of China, Russian Federation and Poland. On the other side of the room, the delegate of the United States, stepping out of character but much to the relief of those delegates whose voices were submerged under that of the other dominators, was in a mood to cooperate and welcomed all suggestions which came in. It was heart-warming to see the United States of America so inclined to invite advice rather than dictating it to them and using debate as method of negotiation rather than dictation.

However, some delegates chose to opt out of negotiations, disheartened by the lack of cooperation from their own

geo-political blocs on matters which were pertinent to the resolution. Inquisitive as ever to find the reason of the muted but visible friction, the International Press decided to go on a digging expedition. In conversation with the delegate of Switzerland, the IP quotes "Asian Pacific (the bloc with the most dominating personalities of the committee) has creative ideas but these are not practical. The idea of legalizing marijuana and poppy, then increasing the taxes on their farming so that they can't be produced any further is far from practical." When asked if they feel that there are going to be problems regarding the merger of resolutions, the ladies from Switzerland and Japan had the following to say: "They shouldn't have a problem as long as the Asian Pacific steers clear of its 'creative' ideas"

What remains to be seen is whether the delegates can make it through at heat of friction...

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AN APPEAL TO ALL NEIMUN DELEGATES

All delegates are requested to be kind to one another during their deliberations and discussions. It is a MODEL United Nations for a reason. We are here to make the world a better place not to taunt and fight among ourselves.

Be cordial. Debate. Negotiate. Act. Take the conference to make real lasting network of friends and colleagues.

NEIMUN @ STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

- 1 To: **Cote d'Ivoire (DISEC)**,
Stop staring at me!!
- 2 Dear **Abdul (the photographer)**,
I think you're kinda cute :) You look cool with the camera! Find me (I have short hair) :)
- 3 **NEIMUN** is where you find the perfect amalgamation of beauty and brains.
#GONEIMUN2015
- 4 To: **Bulgaria (SOCHUM)**,
Wanna play Pokemon over dinner sometime?
- 5 Dearest Trainer **Caroline**,
You are one of the best and cutest persons I have ever met. The way you talk is quite embracing. If I had been 3 years older I would have definitely hit on you. :*
- 6 To: **Vaibhavi Sharma**
"Beauty is simply reality seen with the eyes of love." This what I felt when I first saw you yesterday. Will you mind if I ask you out for a date?
- 7 To: **Apang**
You are adorable. I wish you were younger though. -- Underage Admirer
- 8 To: **Caroline Bello**
Hi Ma'am, you are so infinitely cool and I have such a HUGE crush on you. I hope you enjoyed your stay in India. And yes, "I Love You".
- 9 Dearest **Ibrahim**
You have beautiful eyes. I guess I have this thing for 'Egyptian eyes'. I have been stalking you for two days including Instagram and Facebook. Someday I might just ask you out. Do say yes. Much, much and much love, :) and yeah! You make me smile.
- 10 To: **China (SOCHUM)**
You need me but I don't need you. ;)
- 11 To: **Nabam Tubin**
You're kinda cute and SO HARDWORKING. Can you like drop that 'serious-guy' face for once?

NIGHT @ NEIMUN

NEIMUN BELIEVE IT OR NOT

- * The International Press Team had a spine-chilling moment on the first night burning the midnight oil. There was a rap on the door from the 'other side'. Knock-knock-knock from the other side of the door, which was locked and bolted from inside. The IP Team knocked back and so did the knuckles on the other side. There were a few exchanges of knocks. Suddenly everything became quiet. Hmm.....
- * The lift of the Don Bosco Institute shakes when you travel alone... especially at night!
- * After staying up late till midnight and hearing some Shimla 'Thai Movie style' ghost stories from Reena, the twice-sized Kahaan Mehta was so scared to walk from DBI to Social Forum... hiding behind Reena as they headed to their dorms...
- * Rounds about the USG for Social and Political affairs (Tubin) was that he was very attentive on the second night at the Secretariat meeting that apparently he was caught memorizing all that was discussed with his eyes closed. Once back to the room, Nayani asked Tubin whether he snores in his sleep. He replied, "No". Two minutes later the room was filled with Tubin's snore. Apparently Nayani had to move out before her ear drums exploded.

MUNers Undone: NEIMUN 2015's tragic episode

What could have been a wonderful evening of fun and learning some cool dance moves went quickly downhill in the wink of an eye. Overcharged MUNers out-danced their way out of their suits. Music grew louder than the accepted decibel. The shouts and screams would definitely have shamed Rowdy Rathore. Definitely some cool moves indeed...definitely... just before the lines were blurred. Some have complained of red swollen foreheads because of bumping into enthusiastic dancers who swayed their hands everywhere... "Sorry, sorry" heard all over the place yet there was no sign of backing down. The Faith Dome turned into a merry-go-round in a flurry of moments. The energy was too much for normal consumption that it had to be called off abruptly.

NEIMUNers, dancers, reserve your energy for another day...

Yet, another reminder for all. A reflection as to why the sudden upsurge of adrenaline had to be short-circuited...

The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being *overwhelmed by the tribe*. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of *owning yourself*.

- Friedrich Nietzsche



Errata:

1. The Pinnacle Times, Vol 3, Issue 2: Under UNGASS Page, "Quotable Conversation" section, please read "Venezuela" in place of "Peru".

Error is regretted.

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