

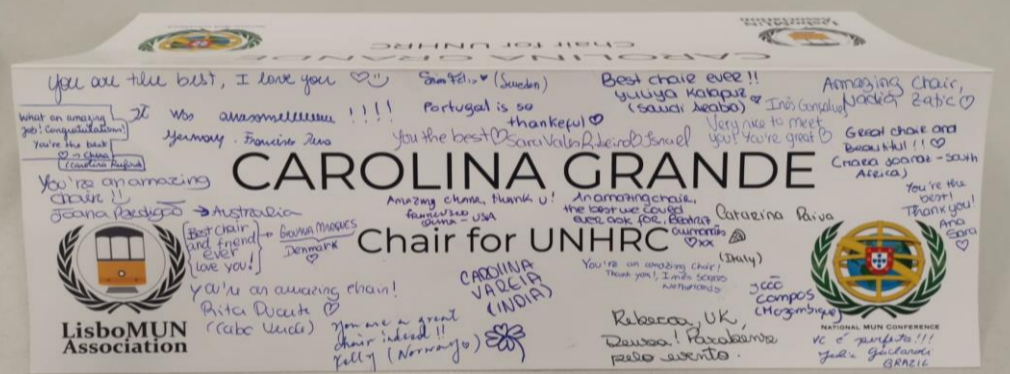
COUNTER ATTACK

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“I hope this experience was as enriching, amazing, inspiring and fun as my first MUN was for me.”

Carolina Grande, President of LisboMUN Association.



U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL



Today, at the UNSC committee the morning was spent debating and discussing draft resolutions and working papers. A heated discussion emerged between two delegates – Poland and Cote d’ Ivoire – the first called into question the working paper presented to the Council by the second, having the polish delegate implied the paper was very similar to the draft they themselves put forward, lacking innovative measures and only making linguistic improvements without even mentioning Poland’s contribution.

As the talks proceeded Poland called for an unmoderated caucus on the matter of the draft resolutions. The discussions quickly spiralled out of hand, eventually culminating in a call for peace by chair Nicole Esposito, who reminded the delegates of the importance of maintaining a dignified diplomatic stance in face of their representative status.

Among the motions approved the one that stood out the most was posed by Kuwait addressing discrimination and ethnical issues. Russia, Germany, the Cote d’ Ivoire and France all stressed the essentiality of education in enforcing desired social changes, reframing young minds and combating discriminatory behaviour. Indonesia and Kuwait both agreed on the importance of the “religious matter”, freedom of cult.

Various delegates also showed their concern for the aftermath of the conflict, referencing the need to “think ahead” on political and governing matters the maintain

peace in the country – namely France, Kuwait, Indonesia, Poland, although emphasizing that the main goal should be to solve the war in question, and only after that is dealt with, talk about the peacekeeping measures.

While working on the final resolutions, the debate moved towards mercenary activity and the best countermeasures to deal with it. Peru proposed the enforcement of sanctions, while Belgium sought the defend the interests of child soldiers.

Until the closing of this edition of Counter Attack the delegates were discussing the eighth point of the final draft resolution, which consists on gathering the non-profitable organisation: “The Polish Medical Mission”.



By that time, the conclusions' already reached were: a call for a multilateral treaty between the countries present and the neighbours of South Sudan, strongly condemning mercenary activity, promoting dialogue between the many ethnic and religious groups residing in South Sudan, the importance of education in eradicating future conflicts and finally furthering the peaceful coexistence and acceptance within different communities.

“The NMUNC is for everyone”

This year's NMUNC marked the high school students debut in this event, proving that age doesn't matter when your interest and knowledge about a certain matter is at a high level.

With the younger generations being significantly more aware of environmental problems and the environment's health, all of them stayed in the environment committee. The curious part is that even though they were defending their countries' interests, their positions were

not only generating global concern, but also being supported by numerous people worldwide.

Another curiosity is that surprisingly, a lot of high school students already had other MUN experiences and started at a pretty young age. As the years go by, teenagers show more and more concern about the world's status and are trying, by any means possible, to make their voices heard by the ones in charge. We are creating the world's future leaders, but at the same time,

they are taking actions and no matter what it's told to them, they will search for the facts and, consequently, show love or disappointment about the decisions made.

After all of the experience they have, being in the NMUNC it's a remarkable experience for them and by the time they get to university, they will be much more experienced than most of the people studying subjects directly related to the MUN, such as law or international affairs.

This first appearance of high school students in the NMUNC is the proof that there this event

is for everyone, no matter what your background is, because the world's order and its current situation is something that concerns everyone, whether you are directly or indirectly related to the issues that are being discussed. With that being said, it would be important to focus on promoting this event to various universities, so different perspectives are brought up for discussion.

In the end, the first year of high school students in the NMUNC has been a success, since they are the most motivated delegates and the ones willing to truly make, or at least motivate future changes to benefit our world.

EPIC QUOTES

“Only the future generations can hope to change the world trough new mentalities and that is why the focus should be draw to effective educational measures” - Indonesia, on the motion concerning discrimination and ethnical issues (UNSC)

“We have to talk more and work on complementing and merging this ideas, because they are all good ideas” – Germany regarding the divergence of ideas meant to solve the working problem (UNEP)

“Why Russia is talking about money? Russia has money!” – Ukraine delegate (UNHRC)



U.N. ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME



On the Environmental Programme Committee, UK appealed to an international cooperation and partnership in order to improve the quality of life, taking in consideration the next generations.

Thailand proposed a draft resolution, being one of the countries that stood up for a strong solution to the funding issue, sponsored by countries such as Germany, Angola, UK, Kenya, Croatia, Indonesia, Honduras and the Netherlands, to which New Zealand answered by considering that some countries are not so affected by this problem, so they shouldn't have to contribute with the same amount.

The Netherlands kept criticizing those countries, arguing that they keep that type of policies to not let the animals be free, and Thailand got far from the subject, mentioning that they were discussing other theme. The United Arab Emirates pointed out the existence of zoos in most of the represented countries.

Germany kept proposing a dialogue in order to get technological solutions against wildlife crimes.

Japan talked about its problem with wild animals, since they have many small communities that are destroyed by those animals.

Other matters, like the illegal wildlife prey, were discussed. Germany developed a project designed to fight this issue, raising a fund of about seven thousand dollars.

Thailand also wanted to discuss about the possible technological methods that could help in that way.

The Netherlands wanted to speak about animal slavery for touristic purposes in countries like Thailand, Indonesia and United Arab Emirates. Thailand mentioned the creation and adoption of specific legislation to prohibit it and thinks that this issue can be solved in an effective way.

South Africa showed the preoccupation about the wildlife trading issue.

Peru expressed a concern for explicit previsions and resolutions, once by having the wild animals trading, the biodiversity can be really affected. Mexico discussed the possibility of the small communities and indigenous people to have a mechanism to control the wild

animals. USA mentioned they were open to new proposals in order to get an harmonious solution. A working commission was formed by Thailand and 2 of the draft resolution sponsors. The countries were also preoccupied about the tax problem, related to the payment of taxes by indigenous people. If the States lose money from the taxes, they might not be able to supply the necessary support to their populations. Angola asked Germany about the providing of the funds to do the research, to which the second answered that UN has an organism that defines how the funds must be provided according to each countries policy. Meanwhile, Netherlands kept insisting on the idea of controlling animals through chips, even on marine animals.

South Africa agrees with Angola in not relocating indigenous people. The Netherlands were very criticized- it's an utopic view to put a chip on each animal to control them and it is an impossible solution, because it wouldn't stop the traffic, reinforced the Finland's delegate.

South Africa recognized the need of protection on national parks from wildlife crimes.

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UNHRC



UNHRC committee started the last day of conference with an objective, which was focusing on finishing the draft resolution and voting it.

Firstly, Israel asked for a motion of a consultation of the whole for an international fund for countries that aren't as educationally and healthily developed as they should be, which was answered by Russia, that considered that European countries should help the development of undeveloped countries. Germany responds also, pointing out that due to issues, such as the refugees crisis, European Countries aren't as able as they were before to help.

Later, a motion of a consultation to the whole was asked from United Kingdom, about overcrowded prisons. Germany says that the solution found for the country in the 1970's, when the country was divided, is a proof of history speaking for itself, where the both sides of the wall agreed bilaterally. On the other side, United Kingdom believes that education is the key to reduce this numbers. It was also brought to the debate the hypothesis of creating a system, which consists on new methods to the softer crimes, leaving the prisons only with the harder ones.

Gossip box put an end to the morning conference, where, anonymously, the delegates shared their passions, opinions either angers.



Note from the Secretary-General

When we dreamed and designed this year's edition six months ago, we knew for certain we were going to be working in the pilot episode of the LisboMUN association series. Despite the high success of the MUN international conference organized on last March, the association had decided on a change towards the innovation of our conference model.

OPINION
ARTICLE

Writing this on the last day of the NMUNC, it is with great pleasure that I can state we smashed our goals with a big rock on our hands. This would not be possible without a team of heroes, my own personal avengers of MUN. They are the undercover stars, the backstage kings and queens, who saved my day, everyday. To Carolina, Thank you for being one of my best friends and for trusting me to assume the responsibility to take charge of the conference.

To Erika and Mar, thank you for accepting my demands without question and for leading the logistics team, also full of amazing individuals. To Yasmin, from going to zero knowledge in the arts of marketing, to becoming the head of communications we did not know we needed. To Isabelle for leading quite spectacularly the very first Press Team in a Portuguese MUN. To Cláudio, thank you for hearing me screaming at you whenever I felt things were not getting done. To Catarina, thank you for organizing the best social events, even though you are in Poland doing ERASMUS, and to Francisca for being the local communicator. To Dussu, thank you for helping us accommodate the first high school delegation. Last but not least, thank you very much for being my "wing woman" and for helping managing the conference and the emotional intelligence of the Secretary-General. Moreover, there is no possible way I could slip by the opportunity to address publicly the staff. Both the communication and the logistics team left behind the memories of an outstanding performance, setting a model for the future.

To these people, I wish you the best of luck and I highly expect our paths cross again in an event such as this.

Finally, dear delegates and press members, I predict bright days ahead of you hoping you take this experience for life bearing in mind the phenomenal achievements you have made for yourselves this weekend. Feel free to join our family as the the Post MUN Depression (PMD) kicks in.

All in all, as I retire from being the Secretary-General, I express both contentment and nostalgia. The NMUNC kept me occupied for the past six months. Thus before I close the conference, I hereby declare I will miss you all and I will do this for you. I had an absolute blast and I believe you have had as well.

"I know of no time in human history where ignorance was better than knowledge."

Neil deGrasse Tyson

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PRESS NOTE

In the name of the entire Press Team, we would like to thank you for the support that has been given to us on our Instagram account (@presslisbomun) and for letting us report the incredible participation of the delegates, the wonderful work of the Chairs and the staff, and this amazing conference. This experience brought us so much knowledge and stories, and we owe you that. We hope you have enjoyed accompanying us along the path, and that we will see you at the next conference. See you next time!

The Press Team.

GOSSIP BOX

THE BEST GOSSIPS OF THE LAST DAY

"Mozambique, every day you make me weak" – UNHRC

"Dear Russia, would it be ok if I PUTIN my mouth yours?" – UNHRC

"Filipe, please talk in English" – UNEP

"I think we haven't heard that Filipe's hot" – UNEP

"United Kingdom, are you free or we need a VISA to visit you?" – UNSC

"The Côte d'Ivoire X Poland episode looked like a soap opera" – UNSC

Carolina Grande, in the name of the whole LisboMUN Association, thanks all delegates, press team, logistics team and staff for another amazing Conference. We hope to see you all again at the international Conference, in March 2020!

