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# UN WOMEN

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On the last day of NAMUN 2023, after intense discussion and cooperation, delegates of the UN Women's committee produced four working papers, on which the day was spent presenting, questioning and amending them. The papers addressed multiple initiatives, strategies, funding sources and more on access to sex and sexual education, mental and physical health aid, and menstrual resources for females and non-binary individuals who menstruate and have reproductive rights. Delegates presented their clauses and sub-clauses of their resolutions to such issues. The first paper, with their initiative, titled: Humanitarian Equity and Reproductive Support (HERS), focuses on promoting sex education in schools, ensuring reproductive rights and wishes to encourage access to menstrual products to become a fundamental human right.

The second paper, funded by UNFPA and STAG, focuses on mothers' and children's health care and training medical workers to adapt youth-friendly approaches. Midwife education, midwifery clinics and education on baby care, breastfeeding and proper nutrition are also the focus of this paper.

The third paper, which addressed period poverty, aims to establish liberty booths for people who do not have access to menstrual products. Following the purpose of the United Nations to reach the ones who were difficult to reach, this working paper attempts to resolve the poor access to menstrual products, fertility and sexual education and medical services in refugee camps, natural disaster camps, regions in war and rural areas. They also propose an initiative to provide a free-of-charge and 24/7 availability hotline for women and non-binary, focusing mainly on sex workers. Supporting women in pain, trauma, sickness and loss. The final paper proposes culturally sensitive collaborations with indigenous people. Focusing on biomedical research, anti-discrimination protections, sanitation facilities and mobile clinics for areas that are difficult to access. The last session of the day, and the entire annual event of NAMUN, results in the passing of all four papers. The committee then proceeded to the highly anticipated "FUN MUN", where delegates and the co-chairs of the UN Women's committee voted for superlatives such as best dressed delegate and delegate most likely to be a spay, and they sang and clapped for the outstanding performances of all delegates.





The delegates began the day by completing the resolutions to prevent the trafficking of falsified medical products that they had begun working on the previous day

Delegates introduced the draft resolution titled "Big Block." This draft resolution aimed to directly approach how the UNODC and member states should respond to the trafficking of falsified medical products. This included various clauses that enabled existing organizations to act, while also pushing for the creation of frameworks to find out more and ultimately solve this problem. The resolution was clearly popular among delegates and passed unanimously.

Another draft resolution, "MED RAMP," presented real affordable medical products. Though this working paper was much more controversial than "Big Block." Many delegates raised concerns about the involvement of China and Mexico in the draft resolution, two actors who contribute to the trafficking of falsified medical products. Signatories and sponsors of the resolution suggested that these claims were irrelevant, emphasizing the need for global cooperation. Delegates stated this was a multi-faceted plan, that would champion small developing nations. Furthermore, the delegate from France emphasized that delegates were ignoring how important the collaboration between Mexico and China could be in solving this problem.

Nevertheless, delegates expressed other concerns about "MED RAMP." There were also many fears among delegates that this could be used to exploit developing nations. Furthermore many believe that the resolution failed to adequately address how the frameworks established would be properly protected and function in developing nations dealing with their own issues. The delegate of Italy also disagreed with the inclusion of vaccine mandates and is concerned with the encouragement of vaccine diplomacy.

Ultimately, despite strong opposition, "MED RAMP" passed.









Day one of debate focused on Topic 1, which was aviation security. Delegates worked through a mix of moderated and unmoderated debates to define their positions and figure out their positions. The delegates of Brazil, USA and Peru impress with their knowledge and speaking abilities. There were also some entertaining acronyms put forward for the initial titles of working papers, especially "BALLOON," Beyond Aviation Logic Living Off Opportune Networks. "BALLOON" focused in on aviation cybersecurity, attempting to prevent the disruption of civil aviation by cyber attacks and protecting the rights and information of citizens.

On day two, delegates worked together to present three draft resolutions (BALLOON, SPIRITED and SAFEPORT). Our committee sure loves their acronyms. All three pass after amendments that include parts of two earlier resolutions (BOEING and Sovereignty). Topic 2, which was building sustainable aviation, was opened for debate and delegates began to work on working papers, mostly through unmoderated caucuses.

For day three, and the conclusion of the conference, delegates worked together to pass another three draft resolutions on Topic 2 (FLOWER, CLEARSky and GROUND UP). Once again, acronyms were very popular. CLEARSky brought attention to the climate change crisis and its relationship to aviation, calling for a carbon neutral aviation industry, while GROUND UP created solutions for equity in the international airspace. The final session is a FUNMUN where the delegate of Ukraine impresses during guess the song, lapping the field.







# ECOFIN

Hannah Nie

Throughout the conference, the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) discussed ways to maintain economic stability amidst the urgent crises of civil unrest and climate change. The delegates began by addressing the increased inflation and interest rates which have been exacerbated by supply shortages during conflict and civil unrest, such as the Ukraine War as well as other international crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Delegates discussed potential solutions such as partnering with the World Bank and IMF to help combat inflation. Price caps were proposed to ensure equitable access of resources especially basic necessities for vulnerable groups. Delegates recognized the diverse challenges faced by different countries, thus necessitating country-specific policies, while expressing a commitment to sharing and discussing economic strategies and policies together. Other initiatives to support countries' response to civil unrest or disease-related emergencies were discussed, including the implementation of United Nations peacekeeping forces.

The council later discussed climate change, another significant crisis which requires international cooperation and financing. The delegates expressed deep concerns of the impacts of climate change on their countries. They established an international forum to discuss green policies, setting the stage for future collaborations. A loan program via the World Bank was proposed in order to support green energy and transportation, such as public transit and electric vehicles. Delegates also pointed out the importance of robust legal measures to hold corporations accountable to environmental policies. In regards to climate finance, the source and responsibilities of funding climate change related-costs were a point of deliberation. Delegates debated whether to follow the more traditional model of financial contributions being primarily made by developed countries which are known to have had larger environmental impacts in the past, versus adopting a more flexible model which adjusts climate financing responsibilities based on the current greatest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Delegates also considered the impacts of public versus private funding of environmental initiatives. The United States, for instance, pushed for more privatization and corporation-backed efforts, but was met with skepticism from other candidates. Overall, the delegates displayed passion and creativity in their efforts to address these complex issues, coming up with innovative and balanced solutions to promote stability and equity.



# ABC Powers Finale

Diana Vink

To conclude an exciting weekend with the ICC, the committee finished off with a thrilling and confusing set of naval battles, along with several new conquests for the foreign and ABC powers. We began with an intense, but short-lived war between Brazil and Argentina, which then spurred Chile to call for war on Argentina, before peace was swiftly declared between Brazil and Argentina and then between Argentina and Chile. Notably, Argentina was forced to declare peace with Brazil considering their navy was far, far outmatched. The peace, though, did not stop Chile from annexing Patagonia from Argentina.

Following this war, the ABC Powers founded SATO (South American Treaty Organization) to work for their collective peace. This peace was soon put to the test, with the capturing of Chilean capital Santiago by the Japanese quickly tumbling into a full-blown war with the foreign powers. The United Kingdom, United States, and Germany formed the Grand Alliance, which notably excluded France, which had tried to attack Great Britain and lost their entire naval fleet in the process. In an immensely surprising turn of events, the French turned to Brazil for support, beginning a new and remarkable allyship that probably saved their nation.

Ultimately, I could not tell you everything that happened in these battles if I wanted to, but some of the remarkable final highlights include Chile's permanent ownership of Patagonia, the redistribution of Argentinian lands to include only the Falkland Islands, and Germany and the UK claimed land of the isthmus between North and South America and its surrounding islands (modern-day El Salvador, Belize, Honduras, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Turks and Caicos). The international war redesigned international boundaries greatly, and the world would never be the same after the great dreadnought race.





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