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Now it's official!

FAMUN is WIMUN affiliate!

By Ana Beatriz Olmos and Fernando Cavalari



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Daniel Espitia, delegate of the United Kingdom in the UNSC University

2021 is a special year for FAMUN as we were the first simulation ever to be officially affiliated with WIMUN (WFUNA International Model United Nations). WIMUN is the most accurate simulation of the United Nations in the world, precisely replicating the structure and flow of debate of the organization. As WIMUN affiliate, this means that FAMUN is committed to the WIMUN approach: we follow the same leadership structure and apply the very United Nations rules of procedure and flow of debate, offering students an environment very similar to the one in which diplomats and officers work in the organization.

For Raïssa Almeida, FAMUN 2021 Under-Secretary-General for Management, following the WIMUN approach makes a difference since students can occupy a leadership position very similar to those of United Nations officers. In her experience, as a member of the Senior Secretariat, she learned about planning and organizing big conferences and also being responsible for leading the management team: "I learned a lot thanks to the WIMUN approach!"

Another important element of the WIMUN approach is the writing of a resolution as the main goal of the negotiations, replicating the real practices of international conferences. With this focus in mind, delegates can better understand the importance of cooperation when discussing solutions for global problems, as much as the challenge of finding a common ground in their decisions. By doing this, they also avoid having vague discussions in Committees and Councils.



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Gabriela M. A. F. de Camargo, Faculty Advisor from Objetivo Itatiba

In this sense, following the UN rules of procedure is also interesting for delegates who can simulate a multicultural environment where consensus is the main basis for making important decisions. Consensus is an interesting mechanism since it encourages all delegates to negotiate with the goal of finding a common ground on crucial issues. Thus, consensus stimulates cooperation and respect for different perspectives. For Daniel Espitia, delegate of the United Kingdom at the UNSC for University of FAMUN 2021, the WIMUN approach, focusing on consensus, facilitates the "dialogue with countries with different cultures". In this sense, he pointed out that the flow of the debate runs more smoothly, which is facilitated by the minimal intervention from the Directors in negotiation processes.

As WIMUN affiliate, FAMUN aims to provide an environment for students to develop professional and personal skills since they can learn, in practice, how international negotiation works. According to Gabriela M. A. F. de Camargo, Faculty Advisor from Objetivo Itatiba, the WIMUN approach is a great opportunity for students since they cannot only experience how the United Nations works, but also learn things they usually do not see in the classroom. In her words, during simulations, students "can develop their leadership, power of argument, and decision-making".

FAMUN is very proud to be WIMUN affiliated. We thank WIMUN and, especially, Mr. William Yotive (our dear friend Bill) for the trust and support!

Highlights from the World Health Assembly

WHA – High School

By Victor Pamplona

When it came to final discussions on the resolution, the US was the main delegation among developed countries to resist the patent break of vaccines. The discussions went further and the US did not change its position, which made the United Kingdom and Kenya suggest that the topic of patents should not be addressed in the final document. Afterward, the resolution only mentioned this issue regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, encouraging Member States to promote equal access to this technology. Furthermore, Kenya demanded explanations from countries that bought more doses of COVID-19 vaccines than what was needed for their population, and Botswana highlighted the US as an example in this matter. During the final statements, Barbados emphasized that the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic should be further addressed, especially the misinformation regarding this topic. Indonesia made a critical speech, addressing the human aspect and the relevance of understanding that statistics are not just numbers: human lives lay behind them. The delegation also inquired why developed countries rarely recognize and quote the advances of the least developed countries, preferring to only mention their difficulties instead. All countries agreed on being sponsors of the resolution and Nepal introduced the document to the Committee. The delegation highlighted the importance of the progress made regarding technology exchange between countries and praised the consensus on the resolution as an important step towards quality health for all.

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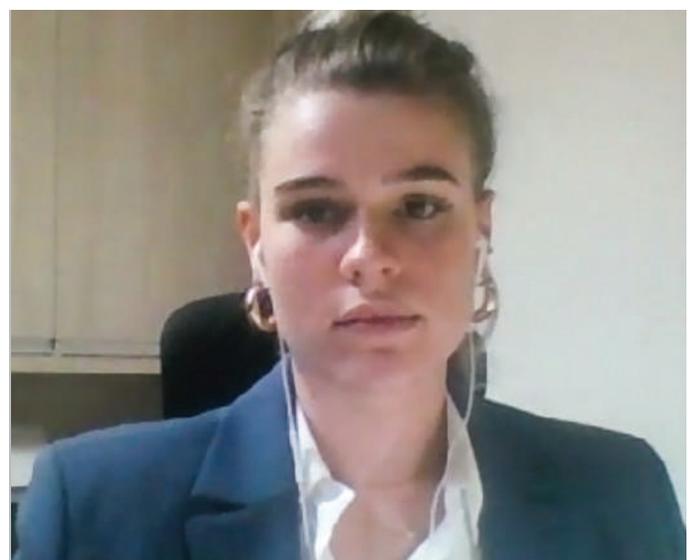
By Victor Pamplona

The divide between developed and developing countries regarding vaccine patents marked the last debates, but Syria's efforts fostered consensus on the topic. On the other hand, Germany affirmed it was still apprehensive regarding the unequal production of immunizing agents. In the discussion about vaccination for refugees and immigrants, Canada invited other countries to support the matter nationally and internationally. When India presented its proposal to improve health access in rural and remote areas, the Syrian delegate called for the inclusion of conflict zones and remembered how her own country was affected by a long-lasting conflict that has jeopardized, to this day, its population access to immunization. Surprisingly, the US suggested the creation of an international fund for immunization. Supported by India, Mexico, Zambia, and Kenya, the delegation of Canada criticized vaccine nationalism and highlighted that the resolution under discussion would be able to counterattack such policies. Even though Somalia did not sponsor the resolution, the delegation said it was committed to including its ideas and recommendations on its national health system. As for the delegation of the US, its explanation for not sponsoring the resolution was justified by its priority on the right to individual choices. Lastly, Zambia, the sponsor responsible for the introduction of the document on the Committee, concluded that the resolution expressed a real commitment to cooperation that could lead, at last, to global immunization, leaving no one behind.



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Luís Pedreira, delegate of Indonesia



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Marcela Candeloro, delegate of Syria

Highlights from the Security Council

UNSC – High School

By Yasmin Almeida

The final days of negotiation in the Security Council were marked by few disagreements among its Members. The main controversy involved the opposition of Russia regarding the term “Comunes Party”, referring to the party formed by ex-combatants of the FARC-EP. Russia proposed an amendment that stated the importance of a reintegration process through long-term economic opportunities to replace illegal economic activities, in addition to recommending that Colombia assist the transition of illegal crops into new types of legal commodities. Also, the United Kingdom emphasized the need to accelerate the socio-economic reintegration of former combatants, defending measures to increase income and job opportunities. The delegate of Estonia defended the demarcation of lands for the survival of indigenous people for a long period of time, as they are victims of violence perpetrated by illegal armed groups. Russia, Ireland, and France did not agree with this amendment, once land demarcation is not in the scope of the Verification Mission. However, an alternative version proposed by Estonia, which emphasized the demarcation of indigenous lands and the preservation of forests, was accepted by the Council. Member States highlighted that they will continue to work with the Colombian government for the establishment of a safe and stable environment. The final version of the resolution was unanimously adopted and it affirmed that the proper fulfillment of the Final Agreement will result in both economic and social improvements for Colombia.

UNSC – University

By Yasmin Almeida

The coup d'état in Guinea created a crisis in the Security Council, and delegates immediately addressed the issue. In the informal consultation of the whole, Russia raised questions about the US participation in the crisis, but the US delegate affirmed that there was no involvement of her country and she repudiated any attacks against sovereignty and democracy in Guinea. In the Press Statement, Council Members asked for the immediate release of President Alpha Condé. Going back to the agenda item, the US suggested accelerating the implementation of the rural reform, economically reintegrating ex-combatants. For this, the Kenyan delegate stressed the importance of accelerating the approval and implementation of productive projects. The proposals were accepted by the Members of the Council. The Russian delegation emphasized the relevance of regional cooperation, with the aim of stabilizing the implementation of the Final Agreement. Besides, the delegation of Niger addressed the importance of the Colombian government and the armed forces to respect human rights and democratic values. Council Members were able to reach consensus and the resolution was adopted unanimously. In the document, the Security Council decided that the UN Verification Mission will supervise the presidential elections in 2022 and work together with the UN country team to speed up the substitution of illicit crops. The Council also urged the Colombian government to increase its response to the COVID-19 pandemic in remote areas in the country.



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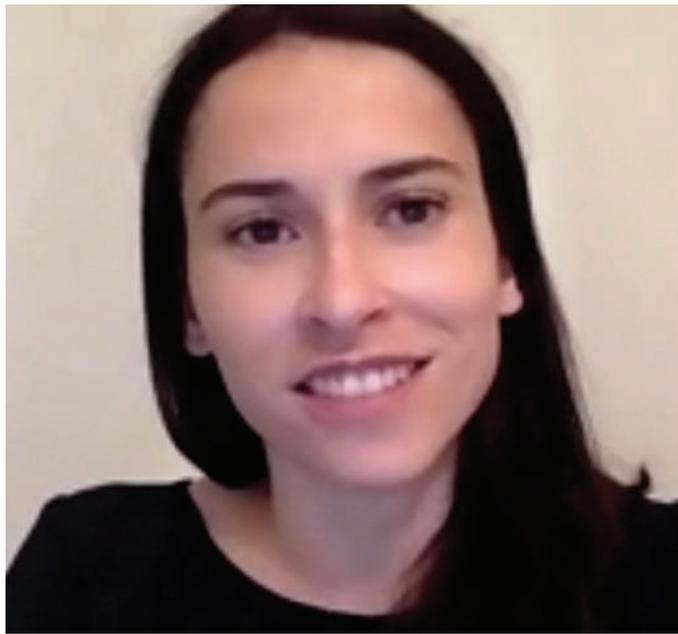
Anna Laura Batista, delegate of Estonia



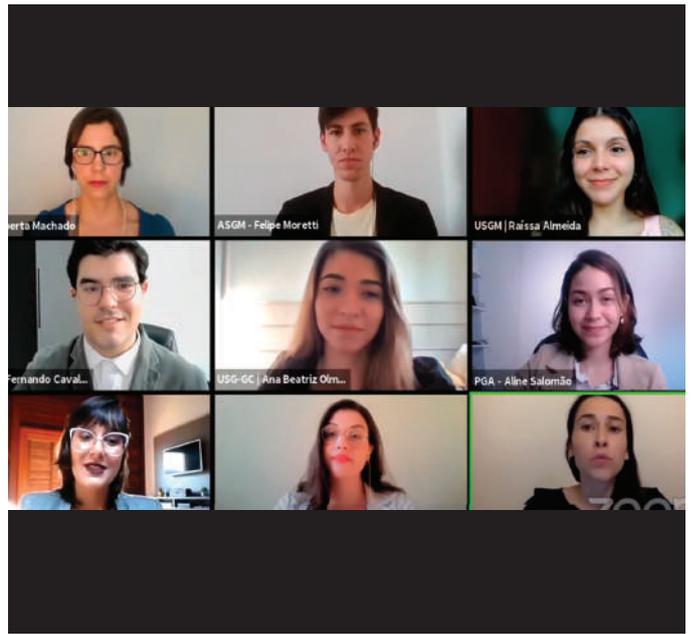
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Alessandra Galardo, delegate of Kenya

Flashes from the Closing Plenary



Pauline Eluère (UNHCR)



FAMUN 2021 Senior Secretariat with Ms. Eluère and Prof. Roberta Machado

Thank you note!

By Ana Beatriz Olmos and Fernando Cavaliari

Hello, Famuners! A.B. and F.C. here, your one and only source into the scandalous life of Famuner's negotiations! The last few days have been of total dedication, focus, hard work, and we can say that it was all worth it. Having an amazing team surely helped to make it more smooth and fun! Thus we thank all FAMUN 2021 team, especially the Global Communications Officers (GCOs), who were all so committed to the Conference and always dedicated to rising for all! We worked hard to deliver the best FAMUN Newsletters ever, aiming to highlight all the important moments of the Conference and keep all the delegates informed. But all this work could not be possible if delegates did not have an outstanding performance. Luckily all of them had. So we also thank all the participants of FAMUN 2021 for their dedication and the Faculty Advisors for giving their students the very best preparation. See you all soon! XOXO, A.B. and F.C.

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