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LETTER FROM THE TEAM

Dear Delegates,

Courageously stepping to the forefront, you express your opinions on matters of paramount importance. While some may prefer the comfort of the backseat, we, as storytellers, embark on the task of capturing your remarkable journey. This Press release has been meticulously curated to breathe life into your experiences. But remember delegates, you are the true protagonists of this tale. We hope this publication becomes a cherished memento, shared with future generations, as they navigate the world of diplomatic dilemmas.

On a lighter note, this release has been skillfully compiled with a dash of humour and utmost sincerity. We wholeheartedly invite you to join us in embracing such curation by the avant-garde reporters and illustrators of HFSMUN Press Corps.

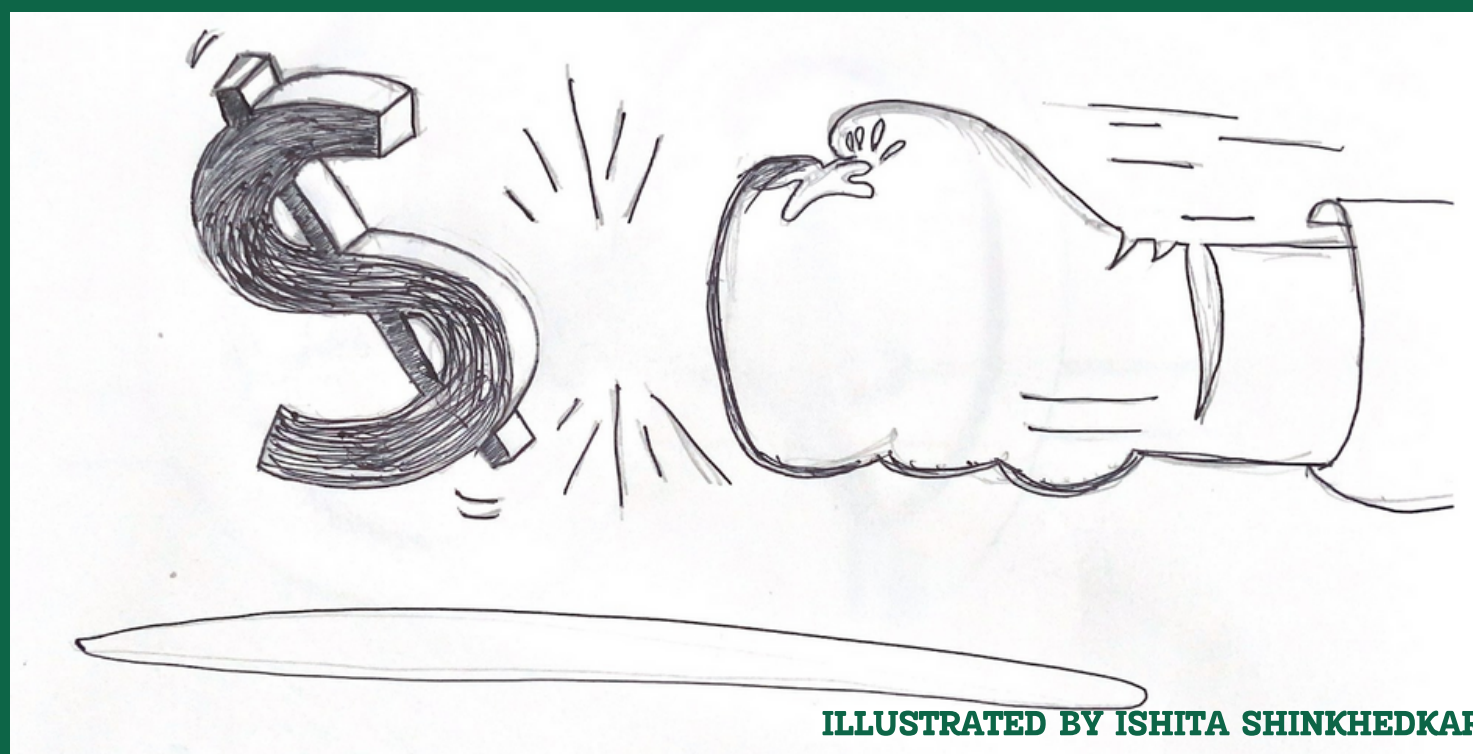
Regards,

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Kuhu Bhattacharya & Keara Bardhan

THE COIN FLIP

BY NAVYA JOSHI



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The ECOSOC 1 committee of the HFS Intra MUN 2023 resembled a literal coin flip. Not only was the agenda under discussion revolving around a switch from the USD to another standard currency, but the delegates themselves experienced a remarkable transformation. The once inexperienced and inactive delegates showcased their glorious MUN personas, as their personalities flipped and came to life. This extraordinary change was made possible by the unwavering support and encouragement of the remarkable Director, Akshat Chheda, and Assistant Director, Stuti Sarna.

The delegates exhibited a notable lack of engagement, resulting in a sluggish pace of progress within the committee. However, amidst this concerning situation, the delegates representing the United States and the Czech Republic stepped forward to aid in these dire circumstances. In a surprising turn of events, the delegates originally assigned to Libya and Mexico chose to represent the United States and France instead (talk about rising to power!).

Taking matters into his own hands, the Director decided to make a speech on behalf of the delegate of Russia proposing gold as a viable alternative to the US Dollar. They highlighted how the USD faced challenges during the 2008 crisis and the Silicon Valley Bankruptcy incident, mentioning its potential implications for the committee's discussions.

The delegate of France kept switching between the two stances. One moment, they passionately argued in favour of the USD reigning supreme as the default exchange currency, despite it directly contradicting their own country's interests. We couldn't help but wonder if a new policy was being stealthily crafted right in front of us, or if the delegate simply remained blissfully unaware of their country's well-established position.

Certain delegates of significant countries such as the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates chose to remain dormant for the entirety of the committee.

During the intense 3 v/s 3 debate between Italy, India, and Czech Republic on one side, and France, the United States, and Greece on the other, emotions ran high and strong words were exchanged. The delegate of the United States of America resorted to derogatory language, using the phrase "You puny little nation" to belittle their opponents.

In response, the delegate from the Czech Republic fired back with a sharp retort, accusing the US of being "big bullies."

To add fuel to the fire, the delegate of the United States began pointing fingers only to anger the opposing party which soon led to threats of violence, but not to worry it all came to an amicable end thanks to intervention by the Assistant Director.

In retrospect, ECOSOC 1 witnessed delegates delve into the depths of de-dollarization, one can say they were minted into future diplomats and global leaders, coining a brighter future for international relations.

MAKING A \$SWITCH

BY HEMANYA PURI AND UPAMANYU ROUTH



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“Let’s be real. More than one superpower economy? That’s like a fairytale come true...”

ECOSOC-2, spearheaded by its confident and enthusiastic chair, Agastya Bagchi, was off to a flying start when the agenda of de-dollarization and its advantages and disadvantages was voted on. The first GSL began with China, which passionately advocated for de-dollarization by actively promoting trades in Renminbi and Yuan, referring to them as the "perfect substitutes" owing to their remarkable growth in recent years.

Following several speakers, the spotlight turned to the delegate of the United States, who predictably voiced strong opposition to de-dollarization. Arguing that the USD is one of the strongest currencies in the world, used virtually every day, every hour, and every minute for monetary comparisons and trade.

They emphasized that it would require significant time and effort for global economies to adjust and regain their economic strength if the dollar was no longer the superpower currency (Imagine replacing Superman with Shaktimaan).

With 45 seconds to spare, the king of Bollywood-level plot twists, the UK, took an unexpected stance, subtly criticizing their long-time ally, the United States. They highlighted that there exist multiple currencies in the world and by using the analogy of not putting all one's eggs in one basket, emphasised risk mitigation. Hence, inferring the reason why countries diversify their capital into multiple currencies. Remarkably, two moderated caucuses later, the UK found itself aligning with America's position. An intriguing twist indeed.

The committee forged ahead, changing perspectives and churning new arguments all the while. The delegate of France, on the side of the US, made a rather bold claim. They argued that the dollar's prevalence since World War 2 has ensured stability and dismissed the notion of any currency replacing it as preposterous. "Let's be real. More than one superpower economy? That's like a fairytale come true..."

At one point, Finland even attempted to raise a moderated caucus on using the Yen for international trade, finance, and global transactions! There was truly a worldwide and inclusive viewpoint encapsulated by this committee. But the fact remained that the US dollar's continued strength as a currency served as a boon for numerous smaller economies and a point for the team 'yes to global trade'. Our time in committee and the fight to be heard only seemed to reiterate one basic idea, "When everyone is included, everyone wins..."



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CRISIS

FIGHT OR FLIGHT

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MOUNTBATTEN

AMBEDKAR

By Disha Angadi and Advika Mane



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Although the committee faced a lacklustre beginning, the delegates quickly set the stage ablaze with their well-researched debates and impassioned speeches. In an unexpected twist, the INC became the prime suspect in the murder of Edwina Mountbatten. While some agreed with the accusation, Chirtanajaan vehemently denied the possibility of the INC committing such a crime. They argued that the INC, guided by Gandhian values, could not be implicated and controversially expressed the belief that Mountbatten deserved repercussions for his actions of oppressing and killing Indians. Gandhi, in a solemn tone, urged India to prevent further massacres of women and children stemming from the Partition.

On the night of December 11, 1946, a new crisis unfolded as Mahatma Gandhi was accused of endorsing the murder of Edwina Mountbatten, stunning everyone present. In a calm demeanour, Gandhi acknowledged that in politics, defamation and accusations come with influence, dismissing all allegations against him. However, some remained unconvinced.

Amidst the turmoil, V.P. Menon sought to bring reason through a level-headed discussion. He emphasized the need not to forget the mass murders and atrocities committed by the British, suggesting that the allegations against the INC and Gandhi aimed to delay the transfer of

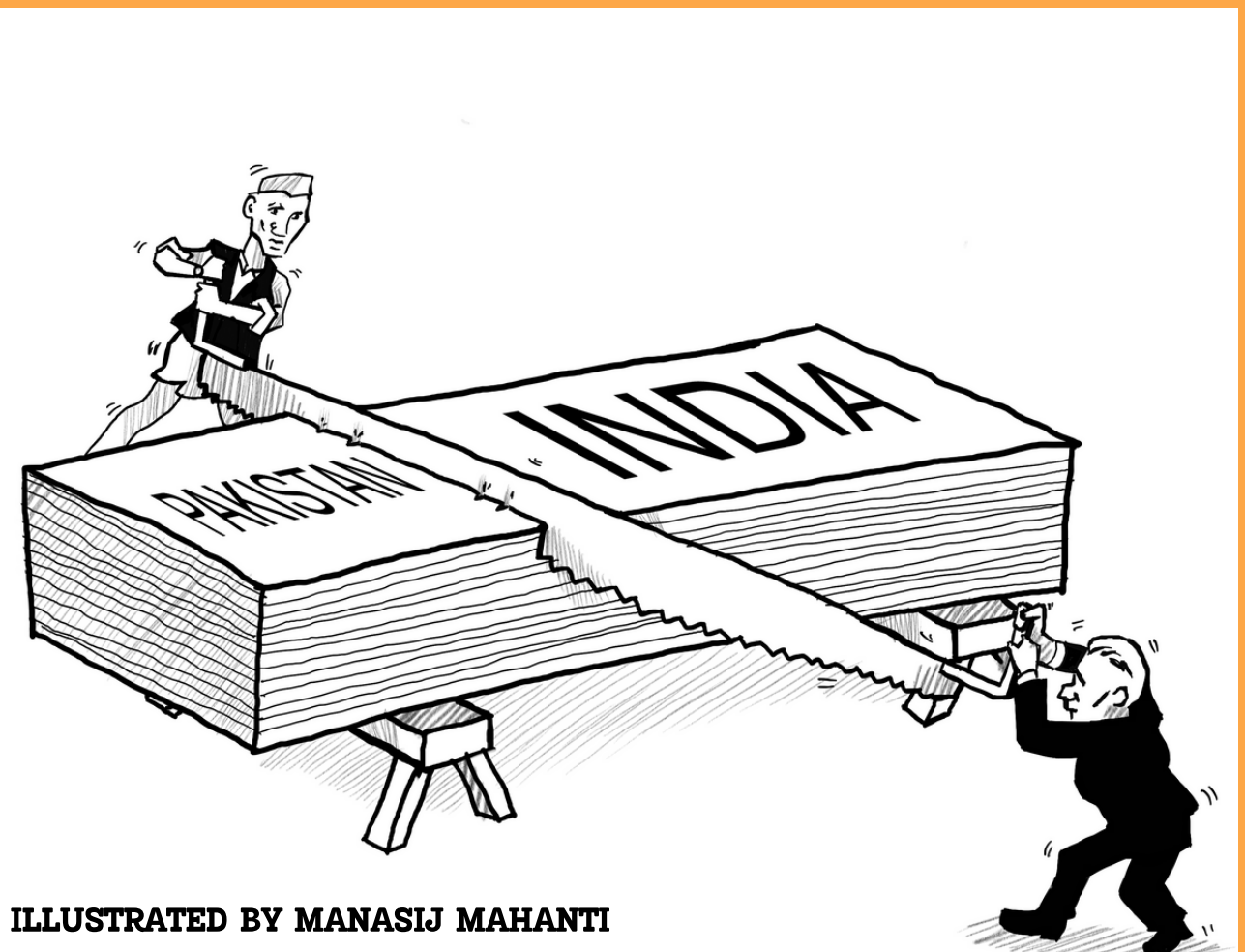
power and deepen the rift between Muslims and Hindus. Suddenly, Lord Mountbatten's abrupt arrival disrupted the committee. He vehemently proclaimed India to be a nation of savages, openly questioning the authenticity of Gandhi and the struggle for women's rights.

B.R. Ambedkar made a passionate appearance, angrily accusing Mountbatten of inflicting torture on Hindus and Muslims, including the mistreatment of women and minors. He further alleged that Mountbatten was disloyal to his country and responsible for his wife's death as part of an inside job to halt the partition. Mountbatten dismissed the claims, suggesting that the mere mention of private affairs indicated a lack of evidence against him. It looks like he finally met his match, huh?

Flabbergasted by the ongoing discussion, Gandhi rightly redirected the committee's attention to the issue of partition, calling the entire ordeal a farce intended to further divide India for the purpose of governance. He struck a powerful chord with his words.

As blame shifted with another press release, rightfully placing it on Mountbatten, a surprising turn of events unfolded. Jinnah declared his willingness to suspend the partition and join forces with Gandhi. The INC and Congress protested in front of Mountbatten's house on December 13, 1946, and formally severed ties with the British.

A monumental hug and handshake between Gandhi and Jinnah marked the momentous occasion. It was decided that instead of two separate committees, a joint committee would be established to address the entirety of India. This act revolutionized the session, potentially altering perspectives forever.



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NATO

DISCORDANT OR DIPLOMATIC MUN-KI-DASHA?

BY SHREYA VIJAYANAND

Canada boldly asserted that they were willing to strain their relations with those countries as long as their security was not compromised.

The NATO committee room was a sight to behold, with delegates squeezing themselves three at a time onto benches as if they were determined not to be separated from their allies. The conference commenced with a slow start, as the Director provided elaborate explanations of the Rules of Procedure to ensure a fair and orderly debate.

Amidst some initial hesitation, the committee decided to focus on countering terrorism, an agenda that strongly resonated with the majority of newbie MUN participants. Spearheaded by the United States, the moderated caucus began with renewed vigour. As the discussion unfolded, the issue of cybersecurity and counter-terrorism took centre stage, prompting Canada to address NATO's allied countries regarding a controversial loophole in their legal systems.

The peaceful environment took an unexpected turn when Germany faced disciplinary measures and was temporarily barred from the committee. The debate intensified with impassioned arguments between Canada and the United Kingdom. In a surprising exchange, Canada questioned the UK's ability to combat terrorism, referencing their colonial history. Rather than refuting the claim, the UK defended itself by suggesting that their colonized territories had actually benefited from their influence! The room erupted with laughter and gasps, wondering if history had taken an unexpected comedic twist. The participation and contributions of Russia to NATO were also called into question, considering their recent invasion of Ukraine.

During a break, Under Secretary Meeth Parikh took a playful approach by assuming the role of Ukraine's delegate, leading to unexpected resistance from other delegates. The consensus reached was that NATO did not require Ukraine's support, as Ukraine itself was in need of assistance. Tensions escalated when the UK labelled Ukraine's president as a "joker," and Russia declared its intention to target Poland due to its alliance with Ukraine. The situation underscored the precarious nature of countries claiming to support Ukraine, raising doubts about their true intentions.

As the NATO committee in MUN came to a close, it left a lasting impression. The journey was filled with twists and turns, lively debates, and moments of discord. It proved that delayed gratification holds true as the committee's enthusiasm eventually shone through, overcoming the initial slow start. The NATO committee session concluded on a note of anticipation and intrigue, leaving delegates eager for future MUN conferences (maybe HFS InterMUN 2023?).



DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT

UNHRC 3, Uzbekistan: You openly opposed the rights of the LGBTQ community in your country. Do you believe that they don't deserve the same rights as other citizens?



delegate_Uzbekistan_unhrc3 3h ...

"Being part of the LGBTQ+ community is like brain damage. Why would you even care...? They have this big problem of deciding their gender. It's a mental illness."



UNSC, Delegate of USA: A motion was raised for the abolishment of the veto power of some countries, what are your views on that?



delegate_USA_unsc 3h ...

Russia's veto power should be revoked. USA has realised how many issues Russia has caused and it's ironic they're in the UNSC, which is made for the security of the world. Russia is the biggest threat to world peace and if they do have the veto power they will use it selfishly as they have done before.



delegate_Philippines_disec2 3h ...

The delegate of Turkey appeared lost, correlating terrorism with lack of education. Hezbollah and Hamas were self-absorbed with a superiority complex, presenting mediocre points. They should have come prepared and read before joining the committee. I doubt I could defeat them in a boxing match.



delegate_Pakistan_unga2 3h ...

Kashmir rightfully belongs to Pakistan based on the historical context of the partition of British India, as outlined in the Mountbatten Plan. Despite being considered a part of India, its Islamic origins align with the formation of Pakistan, making it a rightful territory of Pakistan.



delegate_Israel_unga1 3h ...

Palestine is weak and is pleading for public sympathy



delegate_Libya_unga1 3h ...

It's high time for Israel to recognize the atrocities and for the international community to reconsider its support. The establishment of a Palestinian state is crucial for justice and stability in the region, challenging the imbalance of power that has fueled the conflict for decades.



delegate_Russia_unga3 3h ...

The NPT has failed to achieve its goals, evident through recent withdrawals by North Korea and Russia. The perceived bias against Russia, with unequal standards for the United States, undermines our security, and we stand with North Korea against Western aggression.




delegate_USA_ecosoc1 3h ...





India is an absolute buffoon for not trying to go with the US dollar, the king of all currencies.





 **Amit_Shah_unhrc1_2** 3 h ...


'Respected' Home Minister of Pakistan, having a moon on the flag is just not as good as having a flag on the moon.





 **delegate_Ukraine_nato** 3 h ...


The point of creating the NATO, was to have an alliance, a military and political alliance, against the soviet union, now who is the soviet union....Russia!! We have been oppressed by them for ages..Soviet policies and values still exist..we don't like them..we don't like communism!





 **Jawaharlal_Nehru_icc** 3 h ...


Underrated and overrated GenZ controversy? The topic of the LGBTQIA community is overrated. I mean I don't have a problem with LG I have a problem with the BTQIAs.





 **delegate_Pakistan_disec1** 3 h ...

India should forget the fact that 26/11 happened because it was 15 years ago.

 **delegate_India_ecosoc2** 3 h ...

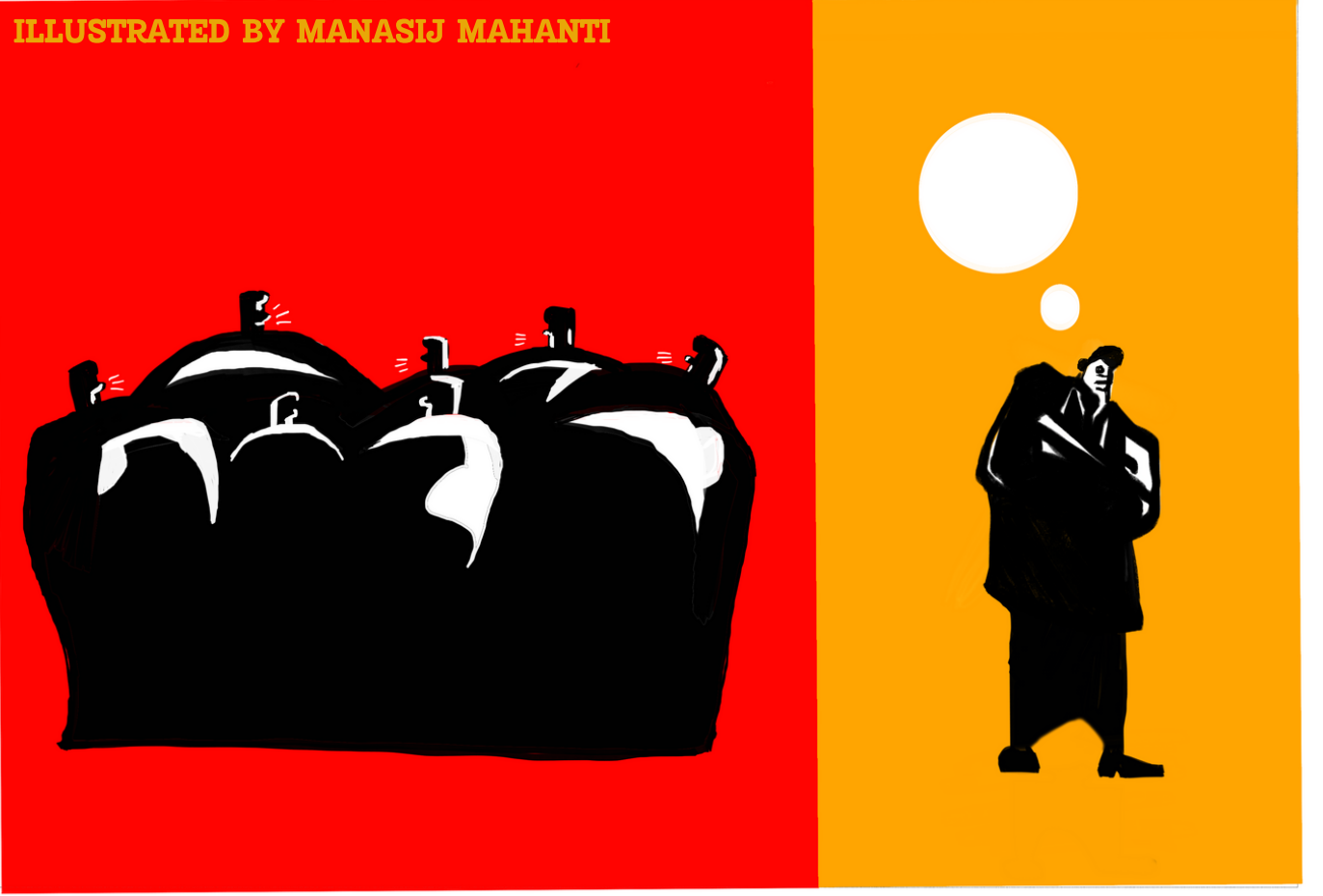
USA is absolute tomfoolery and it will destroy its country

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The recent session of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) witnessed a whirlwind of frenzy, earning the moniker "Committee of Chaos." The committee faced a crucial agenda item: the adoption of new members to the UNSC and the status and removal of certain existing members. Though the selection of this agenda item was marred by disinterest and lacklustre enthusiasm, it picked up pace as the minutes passed.

The delegate of India added to the tumult by arriving an hour late, clueless about which country they were representing. This proved to be just the beginning of their saga of mayhem. During the General Speakers List (GSL), the delegate of India suddenly stood up and shouted, "I lost my wallet!" .

COMMITTEE OF CHAOS

BY KIMAAYA DESHPANDE AND MAITRI KUMAR

This unexpected outburst sparked uproarious laughter among the delegates, momentarily uniting them in joy. The delegate returned later with a frown, exclaiming, "Nahi mila" (translated: I didn't find it), causing another wave of laughter. Moreover, the delegate's use of ChatGPT for their GSL speeches resulted in a 10-minute suspension.

The GSL became a platform for delegates from various countries to make outrageous controversial statements. The delegate of the USA boldly asserted that Russia should be removed from its position as a permanent member of the UNSC. In reply, Russia casually mentioned that they did not "desire" veto power. In an unprecedented attempt, El Salvador and Japan demanded veto power while advocating for Russia's banishment.

During a moderated caucus on the topic of abolishing some of the P5 countries, bedlam reached its pinnacle. Chairperson Arnav demanded sophistication and settled for no less than high-end microphones for the delegates.

As the committee transitioned to writing working papers, a sense of relief washed over the delegates. The chaotic ride seemed to come to a temporary halt, and there was hope for a successful outcome after all. Overall, this exhilarating session provided immense entertainment for all involved, leaving everyone eager to experience such chaos at Inter HFSMUN 2023!



PUDDLE POLITICS: USA VS CONGO

BY SHALVIKAA UDAPURKAR

"I hope not to soak my feet in this puddle of nastiness," is what one of our delegates had to say about the hero of our agenda: The Non-State Actors (NSAs), in a quite controversial turn of events.

The session started out with emotions that ranged all the way from excitement to confusion. Initially, all the delegates were uncertain of their footing, but as the session gained momentum, so did the startling allegations and exclaim-worthy statements that left everyone astounded.

While the delegates of the USA and France supported the eradication of NSAs with statistics of the destruction, Iran supported its stay for always having supported the rights of various communities.

The discussion picked up pace, while the delegate of Congo received praises and chocolates for their comments on our agenda. Congo referred to the USA as the "Shooting Olympics." However, when the USA presented a written question, Congo responded, saying, "There it lays under my table," as the torn pieces of the question paper were literally placed beneath the delegate's table. This incident is certainly worth considering for those deliberating on the matter. While they may not have incited wars, Israel, who had chosen to remain silent for the majority of the session, expressed strong retaliations and made specific "suggestions" to the "Esteemed delegate of Congo" regarding this issue.

Many motions later, one was finally landed upon by the committee—The Unregulated Sales of Small Arms in the Middle East, at the behest of Nigeria. However, Congo couldn't resist taking another jab at the USA, ending the discussion (and no, we weren't bribed to mention them again).

A STORM IN DISEC

BY RAJVI BALAR AND RIYA NEGANDHI

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The day starts with a bang, literally. It has been raining outside for almost an hour, but that doesn't demotivate the suit-clad delegates who are ready for the MUN to commence. Headed by Director Gia and Assistant Director Neev, who were just as disappointed as us when the delegate of USA did not show up. Where is the MUN fun without a country with controversial laws that everyone loves to debate with?

Nevertheless, the show must go on. The general speakers' list begins with a speech by the delegate of Saudi Arabia, who displays remarkable professionalism in their discussion of 'bloody wars'.

Syria, a country with one of the highest death tolls from terrorism, shocks all delegates by saying that the government is a victim of terrorism. However, as rightly pointed out by a fellow delegate, it is the children who suffer the most.

In response, Syria mentions that it did not intend for children to become casualties, which reminded us of the apologies YouTubers issue when they are caught in a controversy.

Turkey contributes strongly to the debate by pointing out Syria's unrelenting support for other terrorist groups. The delegate of the Philippines brings forth the agenda of the day, deliberating war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the NSA in the current threat of terrorist groups in the region.

Later, Morocco presents a completely new solution that opens our eyes: making peace with terrorism. As Morocco forges through this newfound territory, The delegate of the UK seems to further fall down the rabbit hole of misunderstanding. As the delegate of Congo suggested prioritizing the assistance to citizens before combating terrorism. The UK delegate responded by asking, "Are you trying to build your country on the basis of terrorism?"

In the heat of the moment, guest delegates Hamas and Hezbollah threaten to bomb and kill Israelis. However, the committee doesn't hold back and actively counterattacks the terrorists, questioning the reasons behind their actions.

They mention that these groups are backed by powerful countries—possibly one of the P5s. Furthermore, they justify the potential Palestinian casualties as an honourable way to die. So, what do Ye, Hamas, and Hezbollah have in common? Hatred towards Jews. The perfect bow to tie up our time in committee is the unmoderated caucus', sprinkled with its fair share of Afghanistan calling out Pakistan as the sole reason for 26/11, calling it the most ardent supporter of terrorism and China claiming to be anti-terrorism, only to be called out by the UK for its alliances with countries like Pakistan, which have a proven track record of terrorism.



WHO'S MORE LIKELY TO?

Who is most likely to use emojis in their formal written statements?

Delegate of India ~ UNSC

Most likely to propose a creative solution to a complex problem?

Russia ~ UNGA 2

Most likely to write an encyclopedia on international affairs ?

Libya ~ UNGA 1

Who is most likely to deliver an entire speech in a foreign accent for added dramatic effect?

Director of ICC, Mr Nikhil Bhatia

Who is the most likely to lighten up the mood of the committee?

Saudi Arabia ~ UNHRC 1+2



Most likely to bomb a country?

Pakistan ~ UNHRC 1&2

Most Diplomatic Delegate?

Philippines ~ DISEC 1

Most likely to accidentally quote pop-culture in their speech?

China ~ UNSC

Most likely to forget about formal debate and violate ROP?

Denmark ~ ECOSOC 1

Most likely to take drastic steps in the name of their nation?

UAE ~ ECOSOC 2

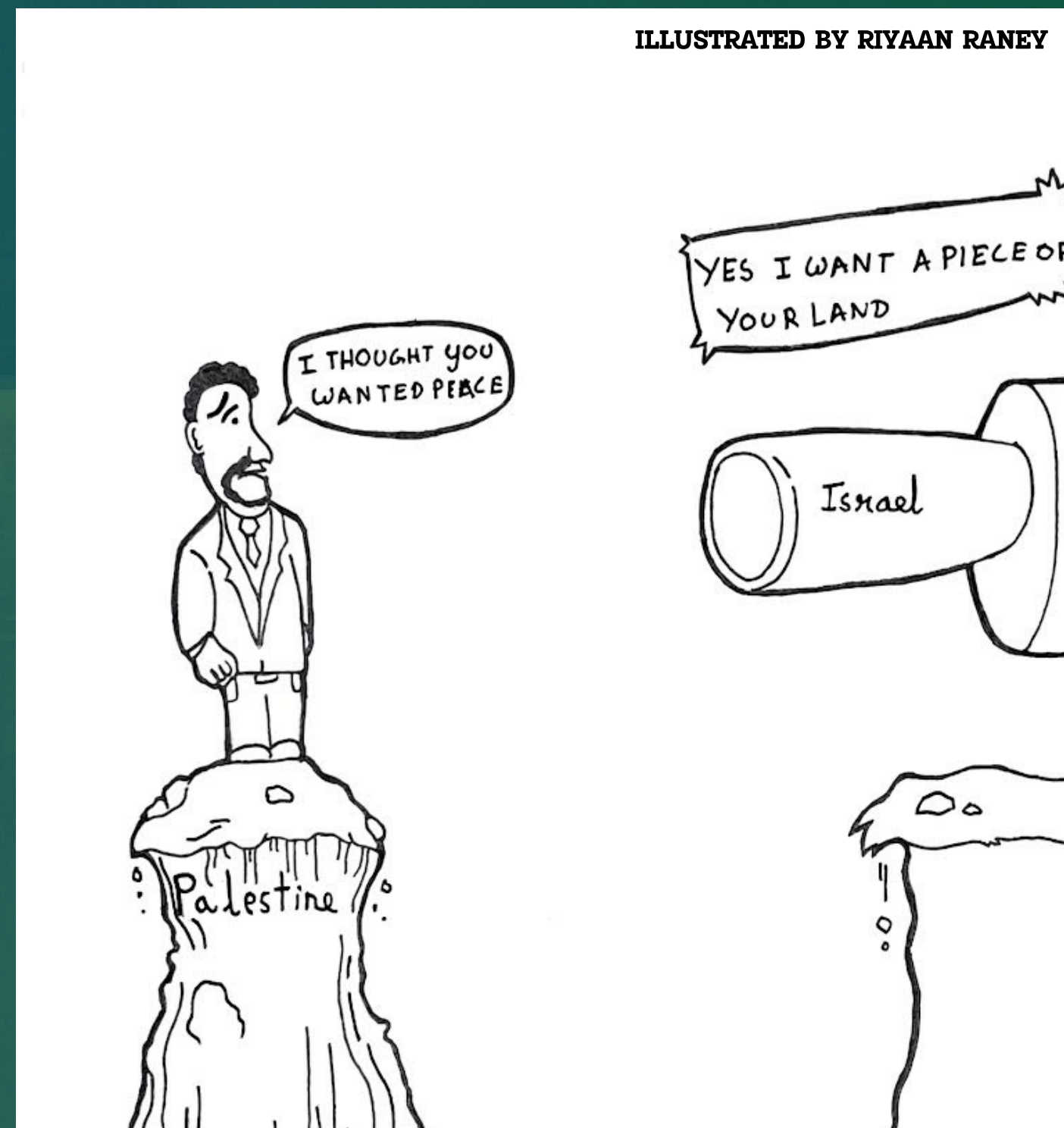
WHAT IS JERUSALEM ?

BY ADVAY VAIDYA AND REEVA KHANDELWAL

It kicked off with a bang as the delegate of Israel boldly asserted that they had never initiated any wars against Palestine. With passion and conviction, the delegate emphasized that Israel's actions were solely in response to Palestine's initial provocations. The message was crystal clear: "ISRAEL WANTS PEACE AND NOTHING ELSE!"

As the discussion heated up, the Delegate of China took the floor, unleashing a fiery declaration of unwavering support for Israel. Their words reverberated through the room, challenging the nations that champion human rights, asserting, "ALL YOU COUNTRIES TALKING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT DO ANYTHING AND JUST HAVE TO ACCEPT REALITY!!!!" The delegate went even further, boldly stating that China stood behind the perceived "torture" that Israel was inflicting upon the people of Palestine.

Undeterred, the delegate of Palestine stepped up to the podium, poised and determined. They posed a thought-provoking question to all the members present, effectively dismantling the accusations put forth by Israel. With unwavering resolve, they asserted, "WE DO NOT COMMIT GENOCIDE LIKE ISRAEL." Meanwhile, the delegate of the USA, seemingly unaware of their own country's stance on the topic (yet again), remained oblivious to the unfolding dynamics.



In a full circle moment, we end the way we began—the most interesting committee of the day ended on an ordinary, yet surprising, note as delegates entered into a general consensus; over and out.

As soon as the GSL concluded, the Directors Aryaveer Singh and Srilakshmi Ginith realized that the delegates had not prepared for the Moderated Caucus. They handled this chaotic situation calmly and halted the committee for thirty minutes for the delegates to prepare.

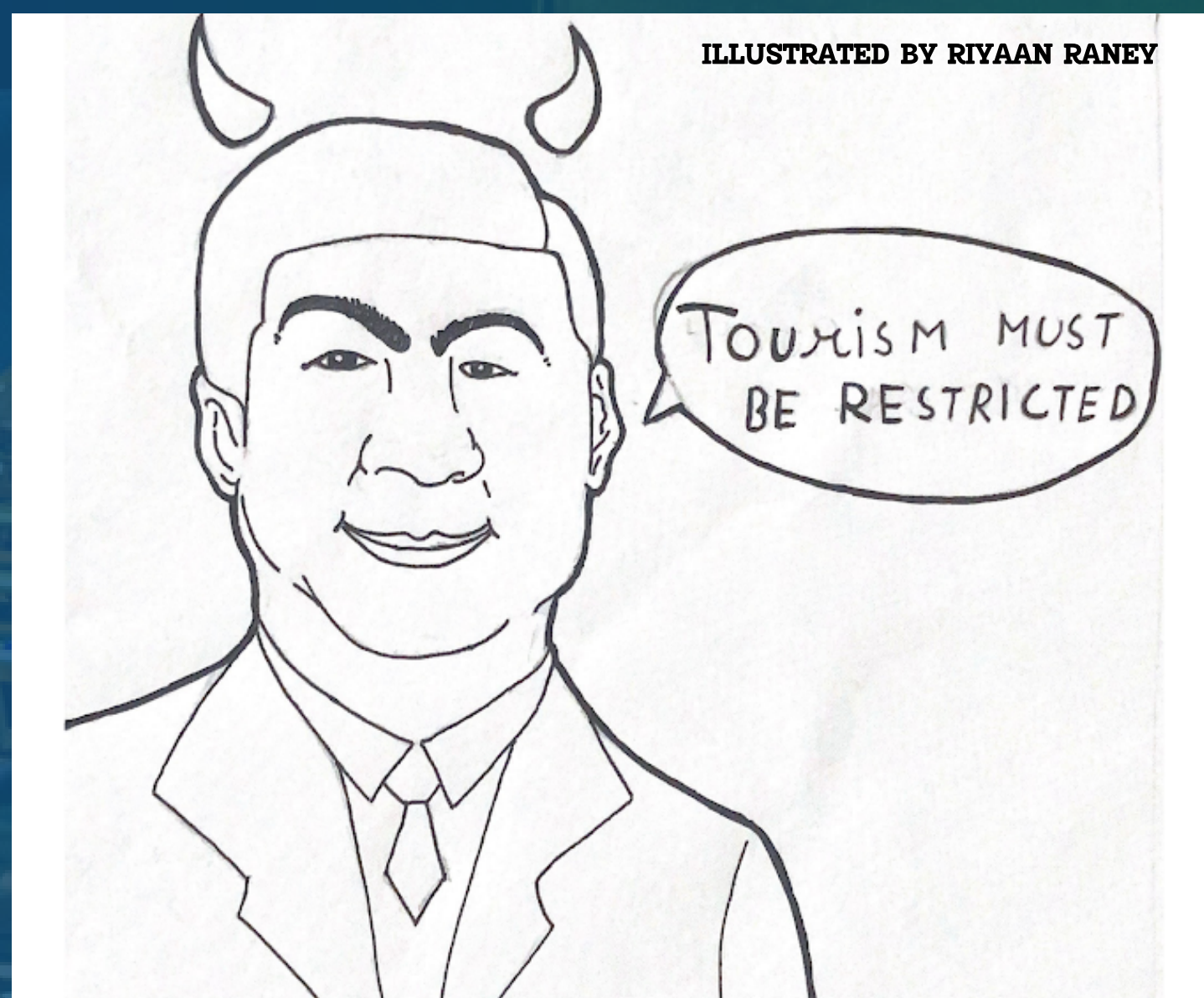
Once the committee was about to get back to business and raise a motion for a moderated caucus, the silence was broken by China's ringtone: "MAHESH DALLE"; resulting in fits of laughter throughout the committee.

"What is Jerusalem?" is a common question whose answer you think you would find in the General Assembly but surprisingly, they were just as confused as we were.

18 DELEGATES WERE OBLIVIOUS TO THIS OBVIOUS FACT.

The Delegate of the USA, on being asked what the relation between the agenda and Jerusalem proudly stated "It was the place where Jesus was killed!" (we're not sure how it connects either)

Thereafter, a moderated caucus was passed deliberating upon the role of Israel in the Israel-Palestine Conflict.



BENJAMIN NETAN- YAHOO!

BY OINDRILLA GHOSH

The room was filled with a palpable mix of tension and nervousness as the delegates took their seats, ready to represent their countries with valour as if they were part of a real United Nations gathering.

Sensing the charged atmosphere, the EB decided to kick off the session with some light-hearted discussion about the ins and outs of a MUN, while deep down, Jake's motto of 'cool cool cool' resonated among all the first-timers. Although the session started off at a leisurely pace, it gained some speed when the delegate of Russia slyly insulted the delegate of USA, who subtly smiled in response. As the session progressed, Pakistan took a fiery dig at India, boldly claiming, "KASHMIR BELONGS TO PAKISTAN," causing audible gasps to echo throughout the room, like the beats of a Badshah song.

Amidst the heated exchanges, the delegate of Japan delivered a point that hit with the impact of a steaming cup of chai on a rainy day, infusing the discussion with a touch of emotional weight. Russia, not one to back down, came forth with an aggressive and confident stance, openly labelling Israel's delegate as a bully in her impassioned speech. The delegate of Palestine spoke with unwavering passion and resolve, vowing to fight with every fibre of their being, quite literally, stating that stepping back would be a repetition of the horrors of the Holocaust.

The session, which was going as smoothly as butter, was interrupted in the middle by the barging in of Hamas, the terrorist group with their loud chanting of 'Allah Hu Akbar' leading to the conclusion of an intriguing session.



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MAKING MAYHEM

DIGNIFIED

BY VYOMINI NATHWANI

Much like the agenda for the committee, the session seemed to have started with a nuclear blast. Proposing the agenda involving the NPT, Russia felt rather optimistic regarding the prospects of the discussion. With speeches as powerful as if by Martin Luther King Jr in the GSL and arguments as compelling as put forward by Adolph Hitler to the Nazis, the committee began gloriously. Since most of the delegates were first-time MUNers, the expectations from the conference weren't necessarily high. However, the delegates did not let their lack of experience determine their attitude. They surely exceeded their own expectations and had poised themselves to a drastic extent.

Tensions thickened when Russia enthusiastically accused USA by claiming that the NPT was merely a scheme adopted by the country as an attempt to undermine Russia's sovereignty and dictate its security. The committee was taken by a whirlwind when Russia rendered USA speechless by calling the NPT utter rubbish and a demonstration of the incompetence of the Western Federation. The cogent comments of Italy and Yemen left the whole committee astonished. With more determination than "the Professor" from Money Heist, the Delegate of Morocco did an immaculate job of expressing its political ideology against the use of nuclear armament during wars. With seemingly endless reprimands, accusations (and a fair share of derogatory comments), the committee did not witness even a slightly dull moment.

The atmosphere of the conference room changed entirely when the Prime Minister of India gave a special appearance in the Moderated Caucus to justify his stance on the NPT.



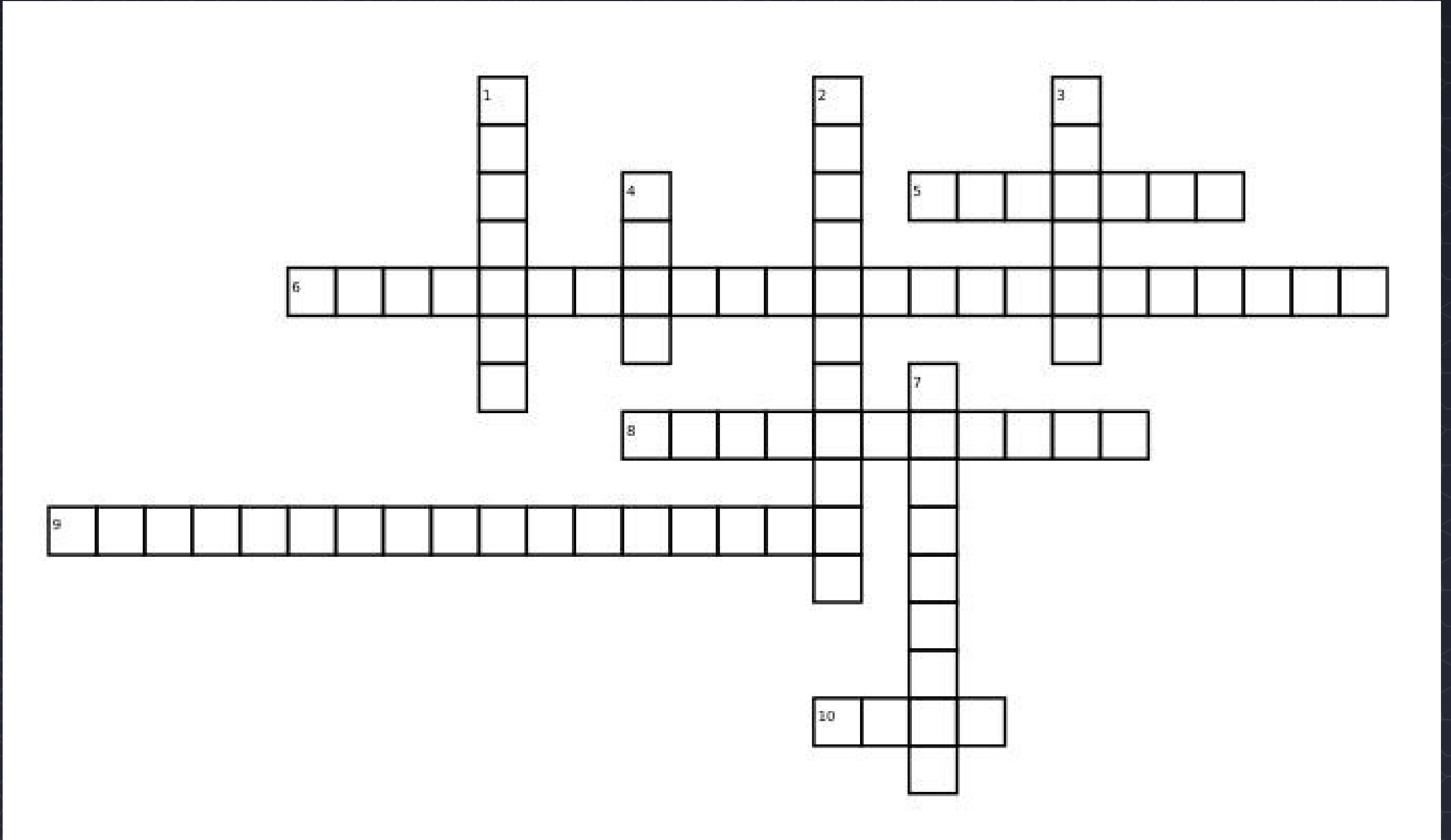
ILLUSTRATED BY RIYAAN RANEY

He substantiated his point of view by addressing the Non-Alignment Movement and the opinions of previous Indian leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru. The heated argument between the PM of India and Pakistan was noteworthy. Modi inculpated Pakistan of being a financially impoverished country that couldn't protect itself even if it wanted to. The committee ended abruptly with the killing of Joe Biden by Kim Jong Un. The conference was unforgettable to say the very least.

It was amusing to witness the behaviour of the delegates change with the progression of the day. Before the commencement of the committee, the delegates displayed feelings of anxiousness and trepidation as if on top of a rollercoaster. However, they left the room as successful delegates who were confident of their mettle and had efficiently honed their skills. As we all know, repetition builds perfection and we certainly hope to see the young delegates from this batch take the place of their chairs one day.



HFSMUN CROSSWORD



DOWN

- 1) Sophisticated term for 'KEEP QUIET DELEGATES'
- 2) An _____ caucus temporarily suspends formal debate and allows members to discuss ideas informally in the committee room
- 3) The minimum number of delegates needed to be present for a committee to meet
- 4) An exploited power held by P5 that can make or break your resolution
- 7) No delegate may address a session without having previously obtained the permission of the _____

ACROSS

- 5) A motion to dissolve a committee
- 6) This year HFSMUN is all about...
- 8) Delegates who support a draft resolution
- 9) A phrase often used to decrease the AC temperature
- 10) A group of countries in a similar geographical region or with a similar opinion on a particular topic

ANSWER KEY:
 DOWN
 1) DECORUM
 2) UNMODERATED
 3) QUORUM
 4) VETO
 7) MODERATOR
 ACROSS
 5) ADJOURN
 6) DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY
 8) SIGNATORIES
 9) PERSONAL PRIVILEGE
 10) BLOC

ILLUSTRATED BY SHAURYA RAY

WE TOLERATE YOU!

THE FAIRYTALE OF FEUD, FRATERNITY, AND FRIENDSHIP.

BY ANAAMYA PANCHAL AND JANVI MOHNOT

Once upon a time, far away- or rather, just here, at Intra-HFSMUN'23, young delegates gathered with courage and confidence- as UNHRC 1 and 2 combined. After a comprehensive introduction by the chairs, the committee began with a comical and slightly confused start. The agenda of 'Freedom of Expression and Belief', initiated by the confident delegate of North Korea, led to lively discussions as delegates from Saudi Arabia, USA, and others took the floor, proudly highlighting the positive aspects in their respective countries. The EB added a touch of suspense by questioning the delegates of Syria and Gabon about the contradiction between their speeches and their country's laws.

Soon, a fresh and controversial agenda was proposed by China: 'Deliberating the extent to which censorship of media is appropriate.' Guest speaker Amit Shah infused the room with authority, raising the energy among the delegates. The committee swiftly shifted from calm to chaotic as the superpowers, UK and China, asserted their dominance and engaged in intense exchanges. China's bold statement about the USA burning due to lack of censorship norms sparked heated arguments, with delegates firing back comments like 'WHAT ABOUT YOUR DETENTION CAMPS, CHINA?!' The delegates closed in, creating an intense atmosphere.

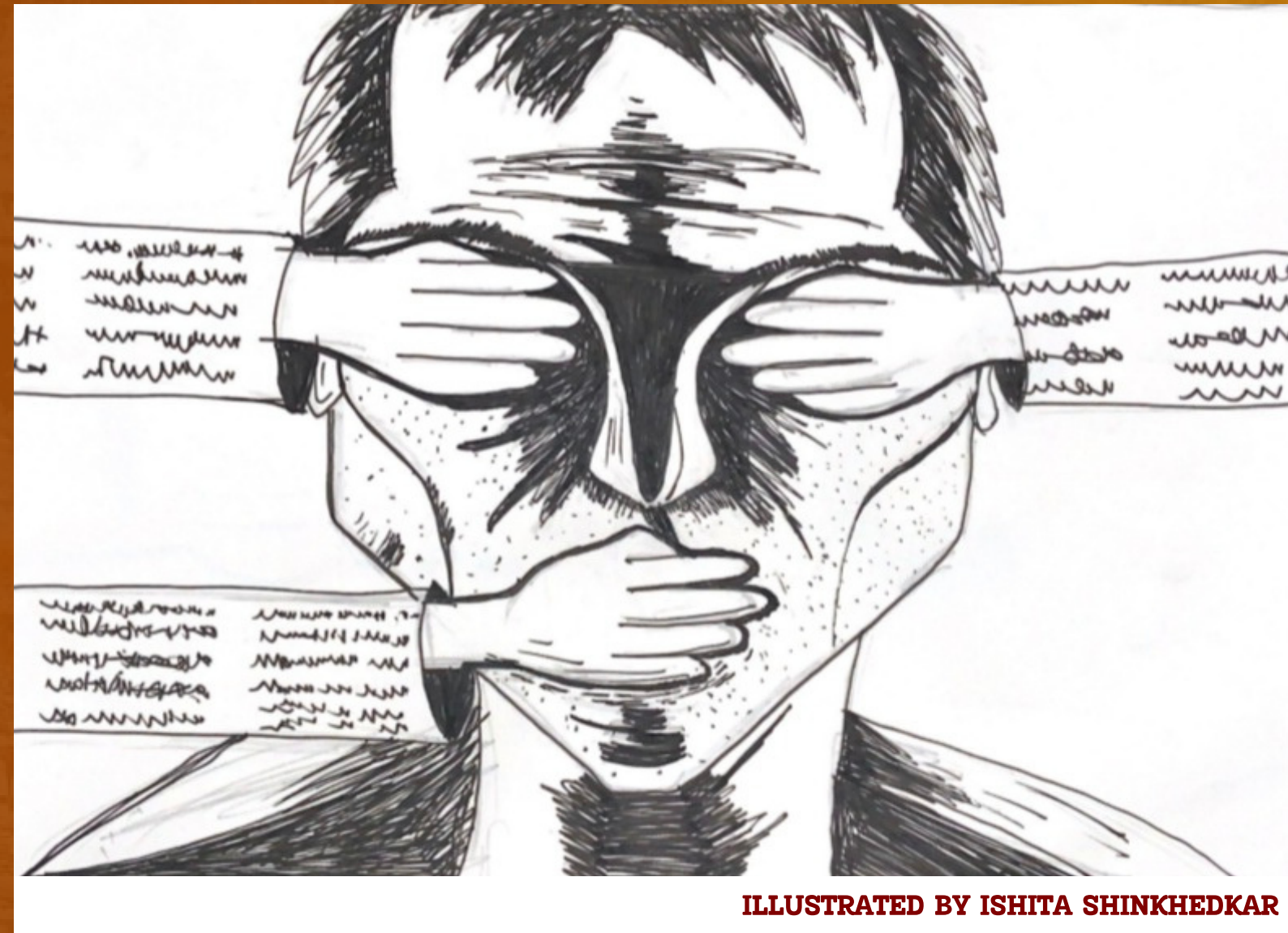
From global issues, the committee swiftly transitioned to neighbouring conflicts, igniting a fervent India-Pakistan debate. "WE TOLERATE YOU!" bravely remarked Smriti Irani, representing "secular" India, triggering a passionate exchange of views. Pakistan's Prime Minister retaliated with the accusation of India's hypocrisy. The delegates engaged in a war of words, invoking patriotic sentiments and showcasing the triumph of India and its allies over Pakistan.

The committee regained momentum with bold statements from North Korea, China, and other countries. Excitement filled the room as a 3v3 debate unfolded between Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and China against Hong Kong, France, and the USA, focusing on the agenda of 'Freedom of Expression and Belief'. Confusion ensued as some delegates struggled to grasp their topics and made unclear statements. The debate had a somewhat subdued start, with delicate remarks and calm attitudes. However, a heated exchange erupted between the delegates of the USA and Saudi Arabia, leading to a continuous cycle of allegations and justifications.

Finally, the agenda passed, culminating in the consensus that all countries were in favour of Freedom of Expression. The committee wrapped up with closing remarks, marking the end of a successful day of learning, listening, and contributing to the success of Intra- HFSMUN'23. This captivating tale found its happy ending as delegates embraced collaboration and worked towards a more cooperative world, living 'happily ever after.'



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THE SUM OF IT ALL

BY RHEA ROY

With a slow, rocky start, the United Nations Human Rights Committee meeting commenced. The Executive Board, consisting of Vihaan and Isha, headed the meeting. All the Delegates voted, and the first agenda was chosen, 'Right to Expression'. The Delegate of France requested a motion for a moderated caucus on 'censorship and the extent to which it is ethical'. This motion was passed after the nervous first-time delegates finished their GSLs meekly.

The delegate of Uzbekistan made a very controversial statement, saying, "We do not support LGBTQ." That created quite a buzz in the committee. Following this, Palestine and Yemen were questioned about their support for the LGBTQ community. Both countries stated that they were against LGBTQ people. Palestine justified its stance by saying that it was an Islamic country; on the other hand, Yemen kept mum.

Soon, a two-versus-two debate took place between North Korea and China and Switzerland and Palestine. Switzerland accused North Korea of controlling its media and reports. Switzerland accused North Korea of controlling its media and manipulating reports. North Korea, displaying an unmatched level of sass, defended its position by claiming that "ignorance is bliss" and that it was protecting its citizens from negative news that could incite grievances. In a flurry, a sudden crisis took place wherein Malala Yousafzai was kidnapped and murdered by the Taliban! The delegate of Saudi Arabia commented by saying, "Who is Malala?" startling all. The delegate from Afghanistan was made to answer upon the happening of the event, which they did with expertise.

The meeting took an interesting turn as a one-on-one fiery debate between delegates from Russia and Ukraine took place. Ukraine called out Russia, calling them unethical, and urged India, its close ally, to give Russia a "Bhagawad Geeta". Russia then slammed Ukraine by calling them a "roach" that was wasting the committee's time.

Thus, with fun and exhilarating debates and controversial statements, the meeting ended on a cheerful note, leaving everyone wanting more.



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