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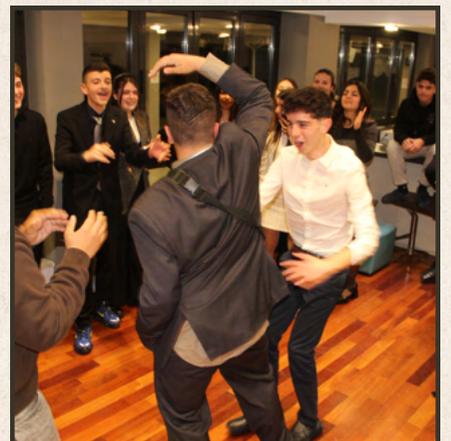
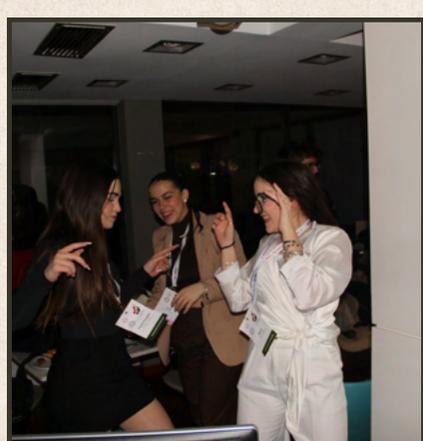
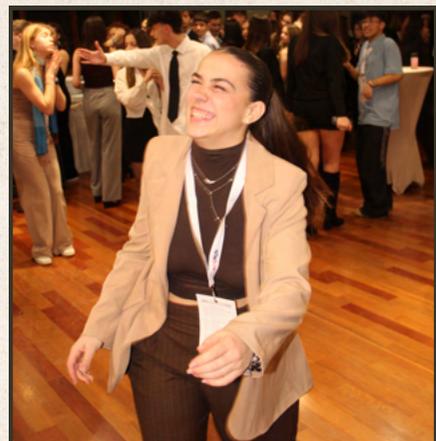
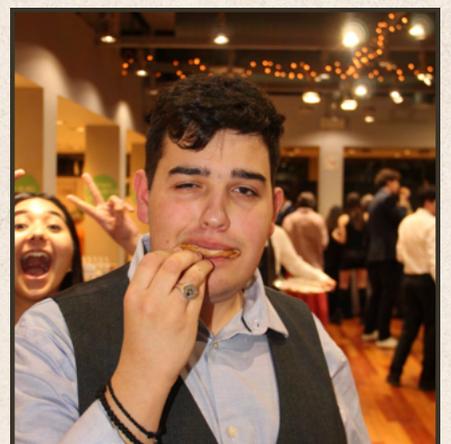
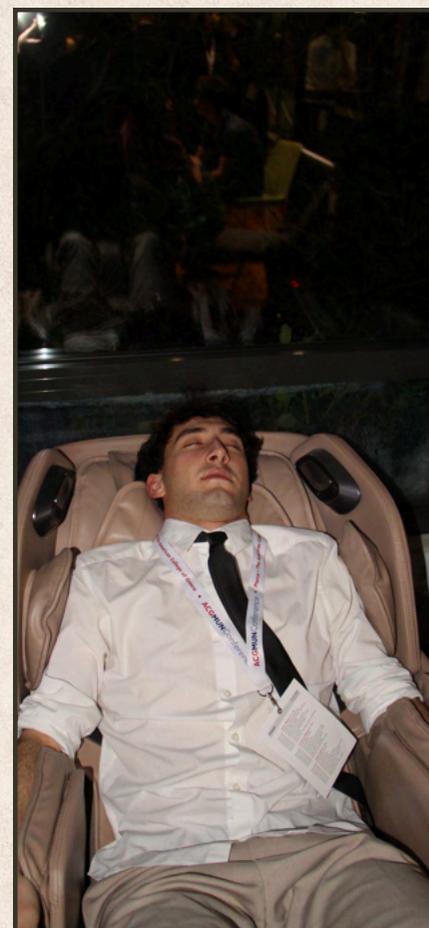


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Last night was the annual ACGMUN social event. Delegates gathered at the Deree Student Lounge. The event was a lot of fun including lots of dancing, eating and socializing. At this point we would also like to thank our sponsors: VIKOS and PIZZAFAN. The night was filled with incredible group performances and spontaneous sing-alongs, endless photo sessions capturing unforgettable moments, and smiles that truly said it all. The social event was the perfect opportunity for delegates to unwind after intense committee sessions and strengthen the friendships they formed throughout the first two days of the conference. It truly highlighted the spirit of ACGMUN, bringing students together, not only as diplomats, but as a united community.



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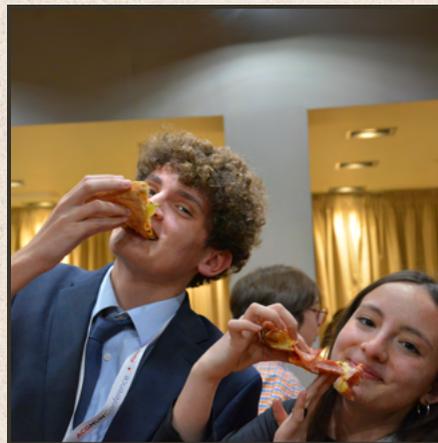
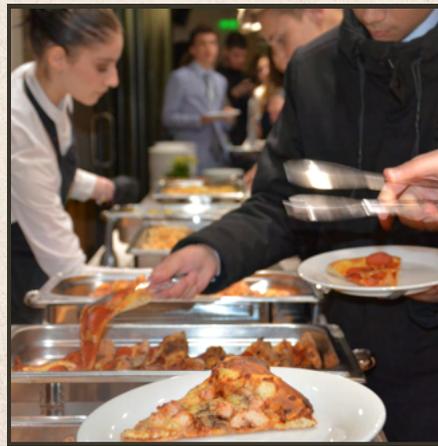
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Enforcement and Accountability Methods under the Rome Statute

We live in a time where war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity still occur and international justice remains ineffective. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) was created to end impunity, ensure accountability when national systems fail and to promote international justice. However despite its clear mandate it faces many challenges regarding enforcement.



The ICJ was established by the Rome Statute, an international treaty which defines the four most serious crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crimes of aggression. The Rome Statute sets the rules for the court's jurisdiction, and explains when the court can prosecute individuals. The ICJ however is complementary, meaning it can only act if national courts are unable or unwilling to do so.

It is important to enhance accountability and enforcement methods as the ICJ has no police enforcement and depends only on state cooperation. Enforcement difficulties include non-state cooperation, limitations of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), domestic legal barriers, political resistance and constraints. These difficulties pose challenges on the execution of arrest warrants, sentence enforcement, which happen mostly through state cooperation. Legal domestic barriers often complicate cases as there is a lack of national law that criminalizes ICJ offenses and laws differ among states.



Moreover, political resistance especially from powerful states like the United States, China and Russia such as refusal to join the Rome Statute can undermine investigations, limit the jurisdiction of the court and thus prevent it from achieving universal accountability. Political interference happens also through the UN Security Council which refers cases to the ICJ and has the power to prevent ICJ investigations or prosecutions. As the P5 have veto power, due to political alliances case referrals may be blocked and actions in certain conflicts are prevented in order to protect allies. This kind of political interference causes the court to appear selective and biased creating another problem. Bias accusations are extremely important as they cause reduced cooperation, encourage withdrawals and damage the legitimacy of the court.



Concluding, improving enforcement, requires having clear consequences for non cooperative states, strengthening cooperation with the SC and having long term political commitment. Only then the ICJ can fully achieve its mission of ending impunity.

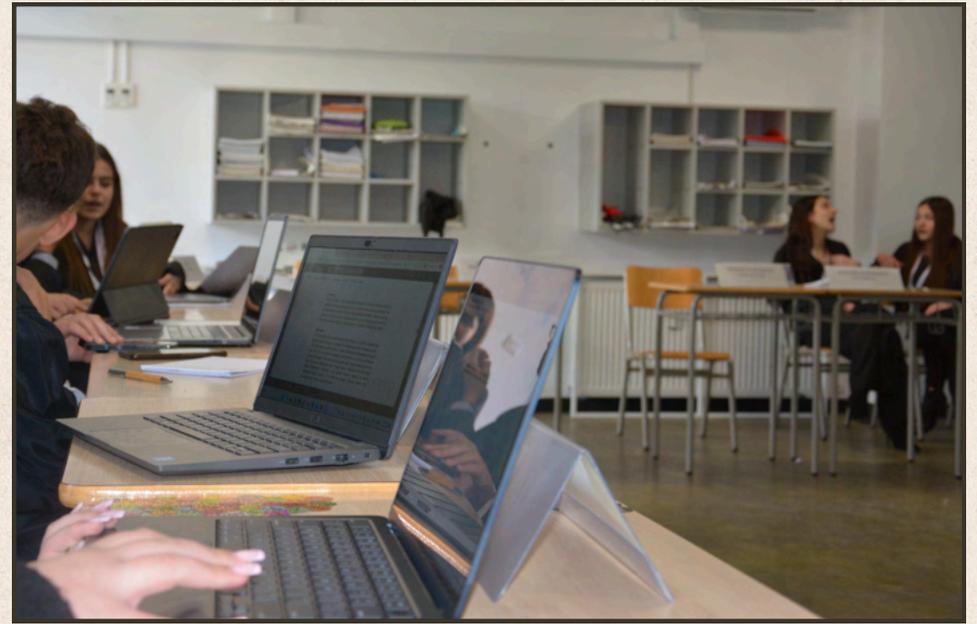
Article by Thaleia Bakopoulou

Examining the impact of drone proliferation on regional stability in the Middle East

For many decades now, the Middle East has been riddled with wars and conflicts. From the beginning of the 1980s, the use of drones was adopted, with a dramatic increase being observed after the turn of the millennium. While countries like Israel had access to them since the early 1970s, they were first used in a large-scale war by Iran in the Iran-Iraq War in 1985 and later by the Coalition forces during the Persian Gulf War. Today, more and more countries like Turkey and Iran have managed to develop their own fleets and eliminated the need to import them, with many more like Egypt and the UAE following.



According to Dr. Daniel L. Haulman of the Air Force Historical Research Agency, the advantages of drones are numerous. First and foremost, even though they can deliver the same payloads as traditional strike aircraft, they cost just a fraction of the price (about 1/5). In addition, being smaller allows them to be easily transportable to any location no matter how remote it is. That relatively small size also allows them to penetrate enemy air spaces and remain undetected by radars and anti-aircraft missiles. Lastly, they reduce the amount of casualties in case they are shot down due to the absence of a pilot. As General John C. Mayer of the SAC put it, “we let the drones do the high-risk flying... the loss rate is high, but we are willing to risk more of them... they save lives!”



Unfortunately, they too have their weaknesses. Manned aircraft perform better under bad weather conditions such as storms or fog, a field where Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) are inferior. They are also faster and more autonomous as the decision making falls on the pilot and not ground units. Lastly, drones are unable to tolerate rough landing spots, as they can prove harmful to their relatively fragile landing gears. Testament to these is the fact that traditional aircraft still exist in modern armies and have not been phased out by now.



These drawbacks however, have not stopped Middle Eastern countries from expressing their interest. As Yemen, Libya, Syria and Iraq have turned into proxy battlefields for many state and non-state actors, the Institute for International Political Studies has estimated that approximately 1.5 billion dollars have been spent for that matter in the last five years alone. Turkey for example has managed to develop domestically produced UAVs and turn itself into a drone “superpower”. They have even been supplying the Ukrainian army since 2019. Similarly, Iran is able to produce drones as well, effectively breaking free from sanctions imposed by numerous countries and coalitions such as the EU and the U.S. This means that paramilitary proxies such as the Houthis and Hezbollah have access to them as well.



In response, the UAE with the help of Israel, are developing a unified anti-UAV command-and-control system. Additionally, Saudi Arabian companies have begun building Turkish designed Unmanned Aerial Vehicles under license while Egypt purchased foreign made drones from China, the U.S. and the UAE. In 2021, Cairo announced the first locally produced unit.



In conclusion, the proliferation of drones has managed to change geopolitical dynamics between state and non-state actors equally. The latter have even been known to influence strategic decisions of the former. As new technologic breakthroughs happen, more and more countries enter this arms race, entangling themselves in a vicious circle. Former military powers are falling and new ones are rising.

Article by Dimitris Pelekos

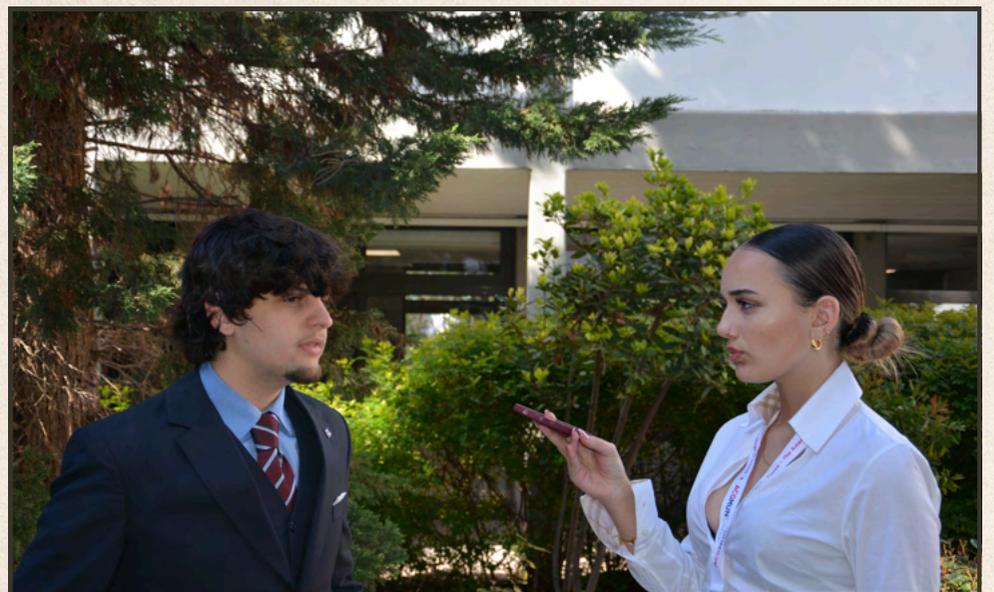
CHAIR REVIEWS

President Charidimos Styliaras said that being president of the Security Council was both challenging and very rewarding. He praised the delegates for their strong participation and quality of debate, saying the committee was “serious in all the right ways.” The crisis simulation was amazing, especially memorable was Julian’s acting. He joked that Casper’s slightly early siren made the delegates realize that a crisis would occur. Speculations have also appeared, with whispers about Deputy President Andrew and Deputy President of WHO, Bahar adding a little extra “storyline” to the conference.



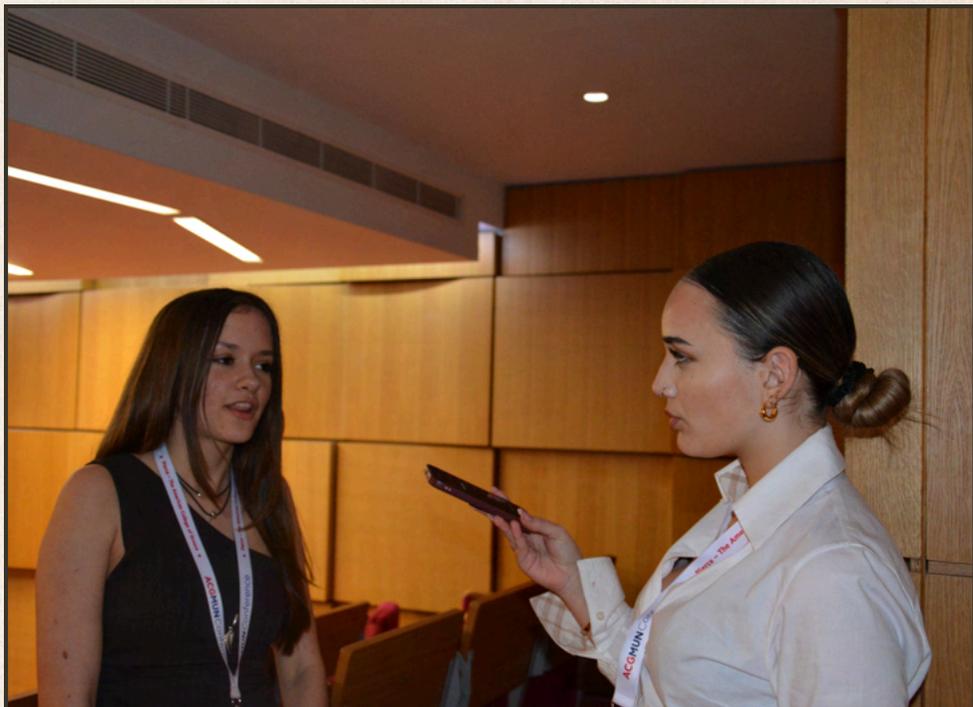
President Eva Lolou said the beginning of the conference was a bit difficult, but things improved by the third day, when the International Maritime Organization committee became more stable and smooth. **Deputy President Stefania Giakoumatou**, chairing for the first time, said the role turned out to be easier than expected despite some early delegate confusion. The crisis involving terrorists hijacking an ACGMUN container ship led to very active debate, though there were a lot AI and decorum issues in documents. The committee was described as one of the most energetic parts of the conference, with very lively delegates, and some light gossip linking the Philippines delegate with the president.

President Christos Thomas Kefaleas described the ICJ as an intense but very organized committee, despite abrupt schedule changes. He said the judges and advocates were consistent and worked efficiently, even when legal details became complicated. The case, “Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua,” was debated strongly by the advocates. The president also noted that he believed Nicaragua should win the case. In real life, Nicaragua ultimately did win, after the U.S. challenged the Court’s jurisdiction. He added jokingly that Judge Thomaidis became something of a committee favourite “meme”, thanks to his endless enthusiasm during sessions



DELEGATE REVIEWS

The WHO delegate of Amnesty international said she loves the uniqueness of representing an organization instead of a state, especially because it lets her advocate broadly for human rights. Her favourite debate topic is “Examining the Effects of Climate Change on the Emergence of New Pathogens,” calling it both scientific and socially meaningful. On the gossip side, she hinted at some committee backtalk and backstage drama floating around, but stayed classy and diplomatic about it. She also shared extract insight on the Andrew-Bahar speculations, claiming that it has been going around that they’ve been sneaking around.



The Australia IMO delegate shared that ACGMUN was not exactly what she expected, feeling a bit different from other conferences at first. However, after meeting the chairs and other delegates, she got more excited, especially since she is from another city and enjoys interacting with people with different experiences. She also loves the crisis topic and the chance to collaborate with other delegations, adding that the committee atmosphere feels serious but surprisingly fun. Finally, she mentioned that the delegation of Qatar, was seen dancing with WHO’s Deputy President Bahar at last night’s social event. Can Bahar be in a love-triangle?

CRISIS COVERAGE

GA1 (DISARMEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE): FROM DEBATE TO DISASTER

GA1 thought it would be discussing disarmament calmly. Instead, it faced a major global crisis. On 28 February 2026, the United States and Israel launched a joint military attack on Iran, claiming that Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was killed - though Iran has not confirmed this. Iran responded with missile strikes and civilian casualties have been reported. Delegates quickly shifted from speeches to emergency solutions, debating legality, escalation and peace. While the room kept its composure, the topic was a serious reminder that global security is never just theory and inevitably becomes reality.



SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE BRINK: CYBERATTACK ROCKS THE TAIWAN STRAIT

Day three of ACGMUN took a dramatic turn as the Security Council was thrown into crisis following a simulated cyberattack and explosion during military drills in the Taiwan Strait. Delegates representing China, the United States and Taiwan clashed over accusations of sabotage and “false flag” operations, as UN officials confirmed deliberate cyber interference. Beyond the theatrics, the crisis underscored reality: in today’s world, a few lines of code can push global powers to the brink. The Council ultimately proposed a 72-hour suspension of drills and a UN-led cyber investigation - a reminder that diplomacy remains the last scape against catastrophe.

Articles by Sofia Emmanouela Vatista



CRISIS COVERAGE



GA6: IS THE VIDEO REAL? OR IS IT AN AI “DIGITAL MASK”?

When a video of a soldier giving orders to “burn the evidence” hit the headlines, there were suspicions of a deepfake. The ICJ strived for a fair administration of justice, as the defendant claimed that it is not him in that video and it is AI-generated.

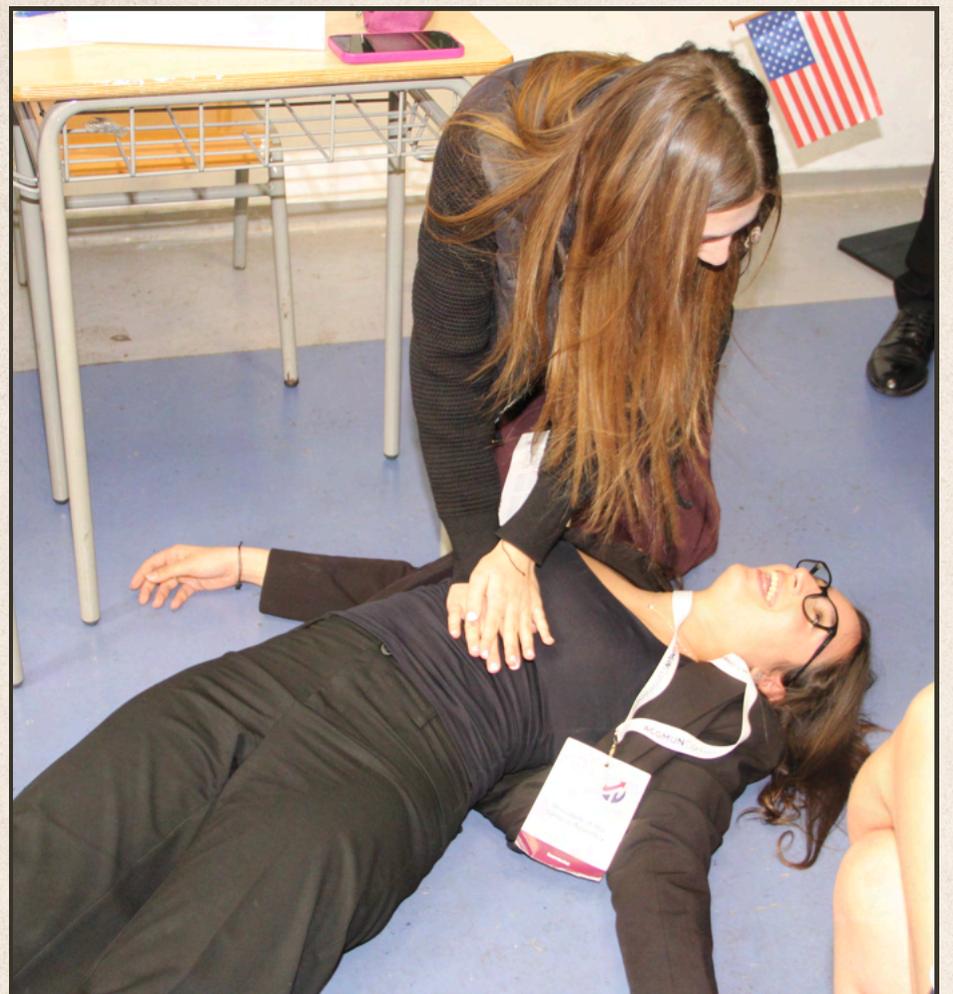
Delegates were asked to create a framework on Synthetic Admissibility in the span of 10 minutes, questioning on the persuasiveness of AI-generated material and rethinking the role of evidence in our AI-dominated era. The crisis in GA6 put forward the issue of trust in digital media and the role it plays in criminal justice.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: “THE VIRUS IS BEYOND CONTAINMENT!”

The convergence of artificial intelligence with biotechnology accelerates innovation but also introduces significant ethical and security risks.

During the WHO crisis, an AI biomodelling platform that was originally created for pandemic prediction research was hacked by a terrorist organization that stole genomic data. The terrorists artificially developed a highly transmissible respiratory virus that relentlessly spread in international airports. This attack corroborates the need for containment measures regarding AI-driven biotechnology, in order to prevent future misuse.

Delegates were asked to urgently proceed with international regulation of AI biotechnology, in order to control the rampant infectious disease, while also forestalling further outbreaks.



Articles by Christina Koumasi

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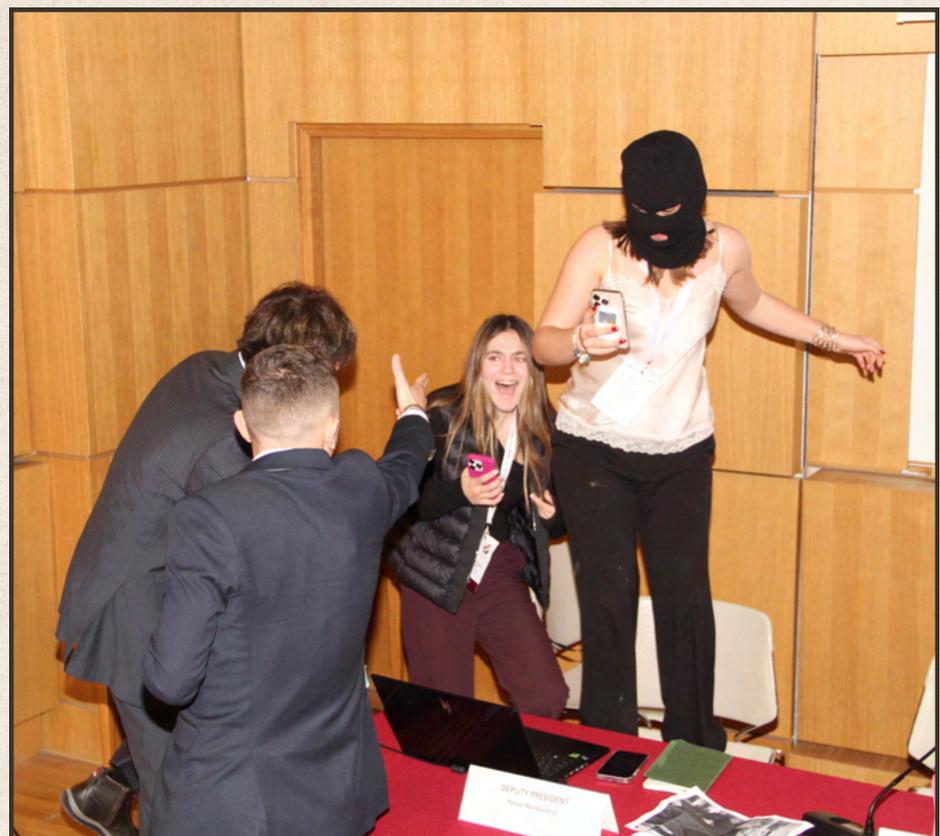
SPECON, ON SHAPING TOMORROW: OUR MINDS ARE NOT YOUR DATA!

There are always challenges in shaping tomorrow. One of them was the severe crisis during committee work in SPECON, in which protestors kept shouting “HANDS OFF OUR THOUGHTS”, and raised their voice in favor of the downfall of AI in the area of neuroprivacy.

Delegates were asked to split into alliances in order to resolve the pressing issue of the invasion of AI in our minds through radically progressive devices known as Brain-Computer Interfaces. Hence, they are called to find a way to preserve human autonomy and dignity in an époque where AI has the unprecedented power to quite literally “read our minds”.

IMO: ATTACK AT SEA!

The IMO underwent an armed terrorist attack onboard the vessel ACG. With the captain injured and the crew trapped inside, the life threatening situation becomes more than a mere scenario. As security tries to reassure the crew, the terrorists are bound to take full control of the ship. With the ship's fate in their hands, delegates realise the crucial necessity of adopting a comprehensive set of measures to enhance maritime security and thwarting further terrorist attacks.



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YOUTH ASSEMBLY: THE CHOICE THAT WILL DEFINE IRAN'S FUTURE

Iran is facing serious pressure from outside threats and inside protests. Some leaders believe the country must use strict control to stay united during war. Others believe that silencing young people will only create more division. The youth are asking for dignity, opportunity, and a voice in government. The Youth Assembly believes that real strength comes from listening to young citizens, not repressing them. If Iran wants stability and unity, it must include its youth in decision-making instead of silencing it through fear and force.

Article by Nefeli Nikolaou

HRC: ICE OUT!

A crisis has been created in HRC what happened is that in an airport terminal, an ICE agent stopped a human rights activist and her supporters without explanation, claiming they had been flagged on national security grounds. When a journalist began filming the confrontation, the agent threatened to detain them too. Tensions exploded when the agent announced on the spot that the activists' passports were being revoked immediately, prompting outrage from the activist, the protesters, and the journalist alike. As the ICE agent forcibly escorted everyone away, Trump appeared casually and addressed the public framing the activists as a threat to the country and defending his agents.



CRISIS COVERAGE



ECOSOC: HOW A PORT HEIST TRIGGERED A GLOBAL LIQUIDITY MELTDOW

At a major international port, thieves hijacked critical digital banking hardware and aid shipments marked for vulnerable nations. The stolen authorization devices were used to freeze development funds, instantly suspending payments for hospitals, contractors, and food suppliers. Officials confirmed that verification systems were reset, locking agencies out of emergency accounts. With liquidity halted, fragile economies face power outages, unpaid workers, and collapsing services. What began as cargo theft has triggered a cascading humanitarian and financial crisis worldwide.

Article by Panagiota Mygdali

ACGMUN CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTIONS!

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GA COMMITTEES IN SESSION

The ACGMUN General Assembly Plenary was officially in session at the Pierce Theater, gathering delegates from all GA committees for an engaging and dynamic debate. The atmosphere was formal yet energetic, as representatives worked together to address important global issues. The Chairs led the discussions with professionalism and confidence, ensuring that procedure was followed correctly and that every delegate had the opportunity to speak. Throughout the session, a lot of countries expressed diverse opinions on the proposed resolutions. Some nations were strongly in favor, highlighting the benefits and positive impact of the clauses presented, while others voiced opposite perspectives.



Delegates asked challenging questions, and detailed answers were given. After many speeches and constructive sessions, the assembly moved into voting procedure. In the end, delegates cast their votes, demonstrating diplomacy, critical thinking, and active participation in the democratic process.



THE CLOSING CEREMONY, END OF A CHAPTER

And here it finally is. The closing ceremony. The 9th ACGMUN did NOT end quietly. It ended the way most good things do - with tired smiles, loud applause, shaky (and raspy) voices and more tears than anyone would like to admit.

The ceremony opened with Marios Pasoglou, Director of Operations and Pierce alumnus (Class of '25), who looked at the audience and said what everyone was feeling: three days of MUN are incredible, but they are also very exhausting. He congratulated the delegates for showing up, staying sharp and giving their best. He thanked the Advisory Board, the Secretariat and every person who worked behind the scenes. It was a grounded, honest, not dramatic start, just real appreciation for real effort.



Then came the ICJ moment. Registrar Sophia Albani presented the case “Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua (Nicaragua v. United States of America)” and delivered the Court’s verdict. The United States, she declared, had not complied with its international obligations. Violations of the UN Charter, breaches of the Charter of the Organization of American States and infringement upon Nicaragua’s sovereignty were clearly outlined. For a few minutes, the theatre felt less like a school conference and more like a court itself - serious, focused and deliberate.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY, END OF A CHAPTER

Mary Petropoulos, MPhil, ACGMUN Advisor and Organizer, shifted the tone outward. She spoke about right and wrong and that not in abstract terms, but in the context of a world that often feels unstable. Today's World. She addressed the schools that traveled from abroad and thanked everyone for trusting ACGMUN with their time and energy. There was warmth in her words, and also hope... hope that what was discussed in committees would not stay inside committee rooms.



And then the Press Team surprised everyone with a video. Funny photos. Unfiltered moments. Delegates half asleep. Chairs laughing (at the delegates), inside jokes flashing across the screen. The theatre went from serious to sentimental in seconds. People laughed at themselves, and then quietly realized it was already over. We all did.



When the Chairs took the stage, a pattern quickly became clear. They all began the same way: speaking about their committees, about the progress delegates made, about diplomacy done well. They thanked the Advisory Board and the Secretariat. But then something shifted. The formal tone softened because stories came out. Personal “thank yous” became emotional confessions. Some laughed through their words. Some cried through them. For a few, this was their first ACGMUN. For others, it was their last. Watching former delegates close their final conference as Chairs felt heavy, in the best way.



THE CLOSING CEREMONY, END OF A CHAPTER

A musical performance by Pierce students lifted the mood again, giving everyone a moment to breathe before the next wave of speeches.



Marcel Negrin, Head of Press, spoke about how volunteering at the 7th ACGMUN sparked something unexpected: a passion for photography that he now calls his forever path. His speech felt like a timeline, from volunteer to Head, from curiosity to purpose. He thanked his people, his team and the Advisory Board with sincerity.

Alkmini Farmaki, Head of Press, shared her own journey in Press and her partnership with Marcel. She did not avoid reality either, briefly touching on global tensions and conflicts. It was a reminder that MUN is not isolated from the world, rather it is a response to it.



Conference Director Ioulianos Kotsios, Pierce alumnus (Class of 2021), returned to a familiar theme: he always comes back. He spoke about why. For him, MUN represents hope - not in a naive way, but in a necessary one. He thanked the organizing team and the Secretariat, mixing humor with emotion, and announced that he will return as Conference Director for the 10th ACGMUN (Thank God). The theme "Shaping Tomorrow," he implied, is not just a slogan. It is a responsibility.



THE CLOSING CEREMONY, END OF A CHAPTER

The Secretariat followed.

Filippos Moysidis, Deputy Secretary-General, described the theme as ambitious but unavoidable. He reflected on his own MUN journey and thanked the advisors and his fellow Secretariat, his friends, balancing seriousness with well-timed jokes.



Marialena Sarimeri, also Deputy Secretary-General, delivered what many will remember as the most emotional speech of the evening. She cried rivers of tears speaking about the stress of organizing, the moments of doubt and the people who stood beside her. And somehow, when she cried, the theatre cried too.



Grace Konidaris, Deputy Secretary-General, spoke about the people behind the titles. She shared stories of how she met and bonded with members of the Secretariat, turning a team into something closer to family.



THE CLOSING CEREMONY, END OF A CHAPTER

After another musical interlude, Vasiliki Lentoudi, President of the General Assembly, made one thing very clear: conferences do not “just happen.” Every role matters. Every volunteer, every staff member, every delegate, every advisor. She emphasized every. Single. Contribution.



The 9th ACGMUN ended the way it began: with people stepping forward together.

And with that, as the lights dim on this chapter, we yield the floor to the 10th ACG's MUN Press Team to open the story next year. Thank you ALL.

Finally, Secretary-General John Athanasiadis closed the night. He joked about learning how to fix microphones from Marios. He thanked the technical team, the staff, the organizers, the advisors who believed in him, and above all, the delegates. He reminded everyone that this conference exists for them. He took the audience down memory lane, through small moments, chaotic ones, funny ones, and ended not with grandeur, but with gratitude.



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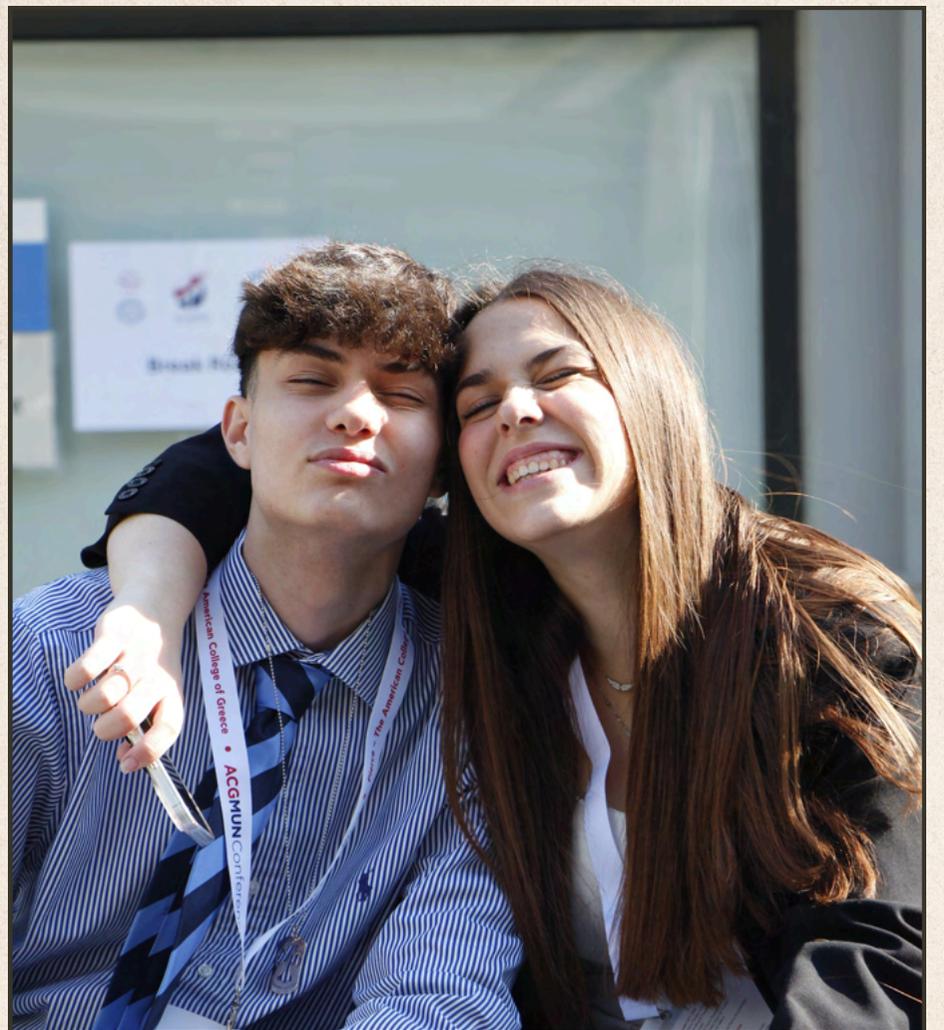
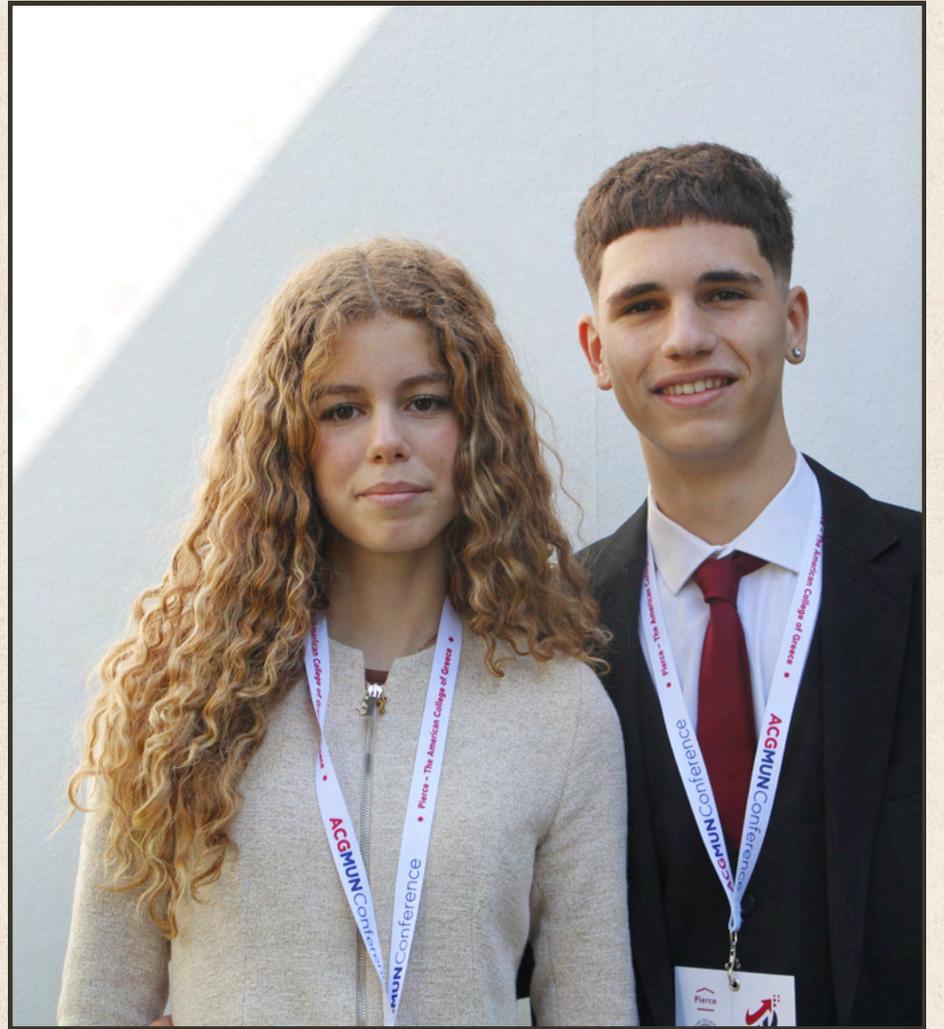


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