

The Gazette's Final Thoughts on CANIMUN ~ Les derniers commentaires de la Gazette sur CANIMUN

North American Perspectives on CANIMUN

Canadian, American and Mexican delegates overwhelmingly hail CANIMUN an enjoyable and valuable educational experience. The Canadian delegate in the 1st Committee GA highlighted "a good group of people with a real interest in the UN process and a willingness to engage in debate."

The American delegate reiterated positive reflections on his participation at CANIMUN as well: "Clearly everyone has done their homework, and despite the media portrayal of the divisions between nations, it's evident that the interests of the [UN member] nations do coincide." Delegates learned a great deal about multilateralism, consensus and diplomatic negotiations.

The three way crisis simulation between the US National Security Council, North Korean cabinet and the UN Security Council was a great success. "The ability to interact with three different dynamic definitely contributed to the excellent interaction," said George J. Tenet, Director of CIA. The North American Press however was often not allowed to sit in on cabinet meetings, despite such privileges being granted to the European News Wire.

North American Times



CANIMUN 2004 : Retour sur une expérience mémorable

Quelques heures avant la clôture de cette deuxième édition de CANIMUN, certains délégués de pays asiatiques ont accepté de nous faire part de l'expérience qu'ils ont vécue au cours des derniers jours. L'enthousiasme se lit dans tous les visages et le qualificatif «enrichissant» est sur toutes les lèvres. À tout coup, ils dépeignent une expérience intense et riche autant sur le plan humain, par la diversité des rencontres, que sur un plan plus formel, par la qualité des débats, des conférenciers et surtout par l'opportunité offerte de développer des aptitudes à la diplomatie, à l'argumentation et à la coopération.

L'enthousiasme et la motivation de la déléguée de la Chine à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé, où les enjeux discutés propulsent son pays à l'avant-scène de l'actualité, est palpable lorsqu'elle rapporte l'expérience, qu'elle qualifie de phénoménale, de sa visite à l'ambassade du pays dont elle défend ardemment la position.

La représentante iraquienne à la troisième commission souligne quant à elle l'excellence des services de traduction qui permettent aux délégués de s'exprimer dans la langue de leur choix, en plus d'ajouter au réalisme des rencontres internationales.

Cette immersion complète dans l'esprit des Nations Unies a même donné à un membre du Cabinet de la Corée du Nord, de son propre aveu, l'envie de s'impliquer et de s'engager davantage dans le milieu politique et au sein de sa communauté.

À tous points de vue, l'expérience s'est donc révélée strictement positive. À répéter à tout prix.

Asie-Presse



Africa Needs African Solutions

Africa is finding its place in the UN, although African representation remains controversial. In some committees there are few African delegates, and at times their voices are drowned out by more prominent countries. Nevertheless, most delegates do agree that the UN still remains vital in resolving international and Pan-African issues.

One idea echoed by many delegates was that although the support of the international community is important, Africa "does need to stand on its own" in the words of a WHO delegate. Other delegates spoke about how the UN provides room for discussion but that a great deal must be done at the grassroots level. At UNEP there is substantial African representation, and the delegates from Kenya and Libya have expressed that the cause of Africa has been respected.

At CODESA, huge strides have been taken towards establishing the country as a modern democratic state, showing that Africans can and will continue to take action for themselves and for the betterment of the international community at large.

African Press



South American Participation Significant Despite Little Representation

South American participation at CANIMUN 2004 was varied in different committees but significant overall. Brazil, Argentina and Chile played pivotal roles in Antarctica 2020 negotiations trying to resolve the global resource crisis. The second and third General Assembly committees felt that although there was little representation in terms of the number of Latin American nations present, those present played a pivotal role.

El Salvador from ECOFIN reported that South American countries were infrequently heard and often trumped by developed nations. Cuba from SOCHUM said that there was need for more unity amongst fragmented Latin American countries. Ecuador and the Dominican Republic played key roles in decision making in ECLAC, while Brazil was very vocal in the UN Security Council.

Finally, Chilean ambassadors expressed a bittersweet view on the ICC trial of General Augusto Pinochet. The former President was found guilty on charges of murder and crimes against humanity, but innocent of rape.

South American Services



European Delegates Love Conference

The European News Wire received an overwhelmingly excellent response, from the 1st to the 5th floors, from delegates representing European countries. They had especially high praise for the staff of CANIMUN. The effort and organization of the committees, especially from European delegates in the specialized committees went above and beyond many delegates' expectations. The German delegate in the 3rd Committee added that the translation between the two official languages was excellently done. A common complaint was that there was little direction seen for after-debate activities. The Portuguese delegate from the EU gave the conference 8 out of 10, very good for a 2nd year conference. In all the debates we observed, European delegates held their heads high and represented their countries and continent very well. Good job Europe!

European News Wire



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CONGRATULATIONS DELEGATES! ~ FÉLICITATION AUX DÉLÉGUÉS !



A final thank you from the International Press Forum (IPF)

In October of 2003, the IPF staff faced the task of constructing a press simulation that went beyond the traditional parameters of Model UN media. We aimed to create a realistic and influential media presence that would enhance the CANIMUN experience of delegates, reporters and staff alike. After 4 days, thanks to our outstanding reporters and plenty of support from primary sources, the Gazette has exceeded our wildest expectations. It has truly been an original, exciting and fascinating experience. *The International Press Forum Staff*



Derniers remerciements de la part du Forum de la Presse Internationale (FPI)

En octobre 2003, le personnel de IPI s'est vu attribuer la tâche de construire une simulation de presse qui allait plus loin que les paramètres traditionnels de la Presse de la Simulations des Nations Unies. Nous visons à créer une présence réaliste et influente de la Presse qui améliorerait l'expérience des délégués, des journalistes et du personnel à CANIMUN. Après 4 jours, grâce à nos journalistes exceptionnels et à beaucoup de support de très bonnes sources, la Gazette est allée au-delà de nos plus grandes attentes. Ce fut une expérience vraiment originale, amusante et fascinante. *Le personnel du Forum de la Presse Internationale*

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