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33RD MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

FAREWELL FELLOW DELEGATES!



INTRODUCTION

We have come to the final day of the MOAS. Though we had only a few days as acting delegates, many debates occurred creating an educational experience for everyone involved. We have made friends from around the country and even around the world with memories that will last forever. However, even with the fun of creating new friendships, the participants of MOAS will take with them the abilities of negotiation, compromise, and diplomacy for their future careers, whatever they may be. This conference could not have been done with the direction of MOAS Program Coordinator and consultants. A big thank you is given to Nelly Robinson, the MOAS Program Coordinator, as well as her consultants, Jeymar Bianchis and Alejandra Ospina. Also, we would like to recognize Ambassador, Albert Ramdin, for encouraging and promoting this program for the youth of Americas.

We bid all participants a farewell and good luck to their futures and cannot wait for the next MOAS.

Sincerely,



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COMMITTEE UPDATES



General
Committee
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The General Committee kicked off the last day by getting right into discussion about the 33rd MOAS/HS Declaration, which passed unanimously. The organization and positive spirit of the Chair facilitated eloquent discussion between different delegations and via questions, amendments, and suggestions, nearly every delegate contributed to the efforts to achieve gender equality and stable economies across the Member Nations of the OAS.

In the end, all six resolutions passed with overwhelming majorities, showing that all the delegates were willing to collaborate and negotiate to advance collective hemispheric objectives. These sessions have been imperative towards progress, and despite some concessions made or disappointment felt during negotiations, “at the end of the day it's about having fun and spreading knowledge about other countries” (Arman Salmasi, Vice Chair of the General Committee).



First Committee
Writer
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The 3rd day of the 33rd MOAS/HS contained a lot of debate over the resolutions created by the different working groups in the First Committee.

The resolution presented by *working group 1a* was certainly a well-debated document. Chile wanted to push political science classes as a significant priority to allow long-term advancement of indigenous people in government. However, Guyana responded with the idea that language classes would be more suitable to the mission. Several countries believed that math and science classes would be equally important. Eventually all of these issues were settled and the resolution was approved.

Additionally, *working group 1b* wanted to create funding for festivals celebrating holidays of the indigenous peoples. Suriname stated that these holidays would be 2-7 days, and they would profit off of concessions and sales that would occur at these events. One country responded that these festivals would be similar to the Mardi

Gras that occurs in New Orleans. Many countries found fault with the initial plan of this subcommittee. Despite some controversy, the resolution eventually passed.

Working group 1c's resolution passed fairly quickly. *Working group 2a* passed their resolution quickly as well. However, there was a lot of clarification needed in the debate over their resolution. *Working group 2a* came up with the plan to establish a system to determine potential risk factors in the Americas, and many delegates had trouble understanding this.

The remaining resolutions passed swimmingly. Overall, the First Committee's resolutions this year ultimately turned out to be successful.

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Second
Committee
Writer
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On the final day of the MOAS conference, delegates from the Second Committee jumped right back into work by beginning debates on the resolutions. Resolutions contained ideas to improve the control and decriminalization of drugs, as well as improve the control of terrorism both overseas and in the air throughout the Americas. All six of the discussed resolutions passed successfully within the Second Committee, although lively debate was present when determining the fate of all six resolutions.

The first group of resolutions was related to the issue of drugs; and the second group dealt with terrorism and terrorism prevention in the Western Hemisphere. Two of the resolutions discussed furthering aviation and maritime security by promoting the exchange of information throughout member countries.

The last resolution was made to increase coordination between member countries to identify and stop potential terrorist threats by implementing a new convention where delegations would meet to discuss threats.



Third
Committee
Writer
Meg Chandler

Third Committee was hard at work finalizing resolutions and electing future head delegates. The first resolution passed was to build a strong foundation of education for children and adolescents across the Americas to help prepare students for the workforce through a program called EducaSTEM. STEM is a program that teaches kids communication and problem solving skills in all areas such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Third Committee was also successful debating resolutions for the prevalent issue about modernizing clean energy in the Americas. They came to the conclusion that clean renewable energy is a necessity for the prosperity of the Americas keeping in mind that developing countries don't have the sufficient resources to finance the research and development of sustainable energy.

The resolutions put in place by the Third Committee have many benefits and were decided after much compromising with the hope to advance the issues at hand.



Fourth
Committee
Writer
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The Fourth Committee began the last day with resolutions. The first resolution passed discussed promoting interregional discourse and pragmatic action to further the mandates of the Social Charter of the Americas. The points that were covered in this resolution included holding an annual gala for successful business owners and other wealthy donors to gain financial support and awareness of this cause.

Another resolution that was discussed involved the development of sustainable energy within member states to increase availability. The working group recognized the dire need for developed countries to integrate with developing countries to benefit all member states.

To wrap up the final session, delegates voted for the new head chair and vice chair for the 2015 MOAS. After all of the votes were tallied, the new Vice Chair, Robert Mattot from Midland Senior High School, and the new Head Chair, Christoph von Munchow-Pohl from Georgetown Preparatory School were announced.