



# MAMUNNEWS

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“Delegates, you are the Crisis Committee... You are supposed to solve the crisis, not be the crisis!!”

Chair of the Crisis Committee, Alia ElGhaib



The committees met on Saturday morning. Different delegates were assigned to different committees, and they were led by two Chairs (leaders).

A confusing beginning...which seat is assigned to which delegate? They had a hard time finding their places... Then, silence. The atmosphere was becoming tense, some were chatting to relax. The chairs began the role call: Kuwait? Kuwait? Kuwait was absent. Next, the training, the assembly looked rather asleep; I think they were hiding their enthusiasm: what good actors! The delegate of Tunisia spoke first, how fearless he is! The assembly was waking up but the "formal rules" were hard to respect, as the chairs noticed. Some delegates were not at their ease but their confidence improved. Resolutions and amendments were debated: alliances, oppositions, and violent arguments. Tunisia's resolution was finally accepted: Please, Applause! Moreover, a fight opposed Brazil and South Africa, about sexual education. Brazil received financial help from China and this caused polemic reactions. Finally an action to watch! The Secretary General entered, we all stood up (we could finally feel our legs!), then sat one more time (oh darn.); he stayed only a few minutes in the back, didn't say anything and went out. That has been the most interesting intervention!

## SATURDAY

10 AM Committees Debate Issue 1

1-2 PM LUNCH

2-5 PM Committees Debate Issue 2

8:30 -10:30 PM Movie Night



“It was a fun and enriching experience”

Chair of ECOSOC, Chama Chraïbi

## Interview with the co-President of the General Assembly, Ghali El Mouhandiz

Saturday afternoon, we stepped by the Secretariat room where we found Ghali El Mouhandiz, the President of the General Assembly. Actually, when we first got in, we thought they were all asleep. The curtains were pulled together and they were all lying on the sofa. But despite the appearances, they were working. We asked Ghali some questions:

- Press: What is your role?
- Ghali: I coordinate the Chairs, assign topics to the committees, and chair the General Assembly.
- Press: Is it hard?
- Ghali: No, not really... Especially if you're organized and hard working ... like me obviously! (laughs)
- Press: Do you get along with the Secretary General?
- Ghali: Yes  
(Even if we fight sometimes, adds the Secretary General)
- Ghali: He likes to think he's bossy (laughs)
- Press: What are you doing right now?
- Ghali: We are working on the superlatives pole.
- Press: What are the advantages of being the President of the General Assembly?
- Ghali: I get to supervise all of the conference and I can sit in every meeting to look over the delegates. I also get to boss people around, which is always fun.



- Press: One last question. Are you Mexican?
- Ghali: Haha... Umm no, I'm Moroccan!!



"I don't have time for interviews, people have to eat first"

Housing and Logistics Chair, Nadia Lakhdar

## What to sing if you're LATE!!

I'm sexy and I know it- LMFAO (Don't be modest, we all know that's true... for some)

Crank that- Soulja Boy (Obviously, you have to dance)

Look at me now- Chris Brown (Sure...Everybody's looking at you NOW!)

Umbrella- Rihanna (Sing with your loudest voice)

The one that I want- Grease (Ouh ouh ouh...)

Someone like you- Adele (We all have cried on it!)

Sorry, Blame it on me- Akon (You can, you're late...)

Baby-Justin Bieber (You all know the lyrics by heart!)

Black and Yellow-Wiz Khalifa (The Indispensable!)



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The environmental committee started with a fake resolution about allowing access to Facebook at school. The delegate of the Netherlands spoke in favor of this resolution and insisted on the improvement of communication that the use of the social network would have. The delegate of the Republic of South Africa strongly disagreed stating that allowing access to Facebook at school would only cause a lack of attention of students. He added that there are plenty of other ways to communicate that would not affect the students' concentration. The majority of delegates agreed and voted against the resolution. The chair of the environmental committee would have voted in favor of the resolution, she was checking her Facebook account during the debate...





## Interview with the delegate of France in the Security Council, Asma Diallo

### 1. How does it feel to have the veto?

“Haha, I was waiting for this question! You know what, it feels really good actually. It feels like I’m kind of superior to the others. And at the same time it makes me feel safe, as the country I represent, France, can be opposed to any decision that doesn’t appeal to them!”

### 2. Are you planning on using the veto?

“Well, we’ll see, it depends on how the debates will go. I can’t be determined to use it without taking in account the actual debate you know, that would be out of order I believe ...”

### 3. What is going to be your strategy (attack/ defend)?

“I believe that *attack* will be my best ally concerning the first topic, which is the Syrian transition to democracy, for the republic of France finds it unacceptable that such injustices are done to citizens that are fighting for their rights! As for the Israeli-Palestinian question, well, you’ll see, I need to keep the cards up my sleeves, don’t you think?”

### 4. Does France have a strategy when it comes to exercise the veto?

“Well we try to use it as less as possible... France hasn’t used it since 1989! After the UK, it is the country that uses the veto less.



### 5. How do France’s domestic policies influence the exercise of the veto?

“The answer to that is pretty clear, I think. As any country who has veto, if France’s internal choices are questioned we’ll try to use it to our advantage, and that is the most coherent use of the veto, don’t you think?”





## Housing Story

‘We were both a bit shy at first but as soon as we had some time to get to know each other, we noticed that we had so many things in common and had a great time together. Even though I was a bit skeptical at first, I got to meet a new friend and it was definitely worth the wait!’

Myriam Hassouni, Press Staff



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