The Hildesheimer Delegation to MUNOM 2014
November 20\textsuperscript{th} to November 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2014

7 Delegates of the University of Hildesheim participated in MUNOM 2014 at Malmö Högskola (University of Malmö) and represented the UN member states Belgium, Russia, Turkey and USA in a simulated Security Council, DISEC and SOCHUM Meeting from 20th to 24th June 2014. The topics to be discussed at MUNOM acutely mirrored the current crisis in Israel/Palestine: due to its re-emerged importance to World Politics, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict had been selected as the guiding scenario of the conference this year. The second MUNOM in cooperation with the Foreign Affairs Association of Malmö, welcomed more than a hundred delegates from different scientific disciplines and European universities.

The organisers of MUNOM 2014, amongst them former HiMUN-delegate Theresa Kresse, now Secretary General of MUNOM 2014, highlighted not only the importance of profound knowledge in the topic areas, but also the importance of the diplomatic and social aspect, that plays a tremendous part in the outcome of negotiations at MUNOM. The social events, such as delegates’ dinners and the Saturday evening event ‘Delegate Dance’ at Tangopalaset, Malmö provided the participants with a festive air to continue diplomatic conduct after the days’ committee proceedings.

Opening Ceremony of MUNOM 2014

The opening lectures of MUNOM 2014 in Knutssalen at Malmö City Hall were held by Anders Forsberg and Anders Persson and discussed the current crisis in Gaza and its repercussions for the Middle East, as well as the international community. Anders Forsberg, human rights activist with EAPPI (Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel) has been monitoring and reporting human rights abuses in the occupied territories and acted with protective presence in vulnerable communities and areas. His speech connected issues of illegal Israeli settlements, restrictions of access for Palestinians to city areas and places of worship as well as questions of rule of law with parallel legal systems for Israelis and Palestinians.

Anders Persson, Professor at the University of Lund, focused on the historical background of the conflict and political factors, which shape coalitions and interests in a geopolitically crucial region for scholars of international politics. Taking into account the acknowledgement of the State of Palestine by a number of European countries, such as Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom, as well as the recent conflict dimensions in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, Persson characterized state formation in the Middle East as a violent process with changing and permeable borders.

With officials statements from MUNOM’s 2014 Presidents Geert de Vries and Katrina Mertz, this year’s Secretary General Theresa Kresse declared the official opening of MUNOM 2014.
The Delegation of the United States of America, DISEC:
1) The United Nations of America consider that the
resolutions contributes a postiven effect for the
surviving corporation in the Gaza Strip.
2) The extension of the contracts in relation to
disabled the arms trade, contains the main
objective to strengthen the civil defense and
limiting the arms trade.
3) The aim of the concerted resolutions based
largely on human rights.

The Delegation of Turkey, SOCHUM:
We, Turkey, support the ceasefire in this region and
continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the
Palestinian people in Gaza.

The Delegation of Belgium, DISEC:
Land mines are a topic that should be given the highest
priority, since people die every day from mine-related causes.
Belgium has set itself the task of supporting any organisation,
which helps improving the technical standards and methods
detecting and destroying mines. We highly appreciate all
countries to follow our vision and aims to make a better world
without any injuries or fatalities caused by mines.
Let’s all have a wise purpose here!

The Delegation of the Russian Federation, Security Council:
The Russian Federations starts with this openingspeech -“In the years
between 1948 and 2009 more than 14.000 people have been killed and it is
possibly already too late to find a solution!”
Everyone was concerning about our position -“UK is very concern about your
position, we please you to speak.”
The Russian Federation thanks all states in the Security Council - “The
Russian Federation is very pleased about the attention of the other states.”

Aileen Bolling, Chair SOCHUM:
The delegations in SOCHUM have dealt with humanitarin responsibilities with regard to
internally displaced people in ceasefire in the
Gaza strip. The Presidency of the committee
welcomes the high and passionate engagement of
degates discussing that issue. The social and
humanitarian norms of SOCHUM have been at the
heart of discussions. The call for working
towards the establishment of a legal regime for
IDPs is certainly one of the main achievements of
the committee, thus exemplifying the
interdependence of humanitarian and security
related issues. The role policy actors in the
political systems of Israel and Palesten were
mirrored by the policy issues of freedom and
security, detailing the need to realize the two
paradigms of human security (freedom from fear
and freedom from want) not just on paper but on
the ground for the most vulnerable members of
society.

The Delegates’ Experiences

Yasmine Beoumahdi, representing Turkey:
MunOM 2014 was a great experience for me and I’m looking forward to the next one. “The only source of knowledge is experience.” (Albert Einstein)

Max Engelking, representing Russia:
First time Model United Nations + representing Russia = personal challenge.
Model United Nations is the best way to make contact with different people from all over the world. At the beginning I felt a bit uneasy, because there were many questions in my head like
“English all the time, is that possible?” or “Is it possible to represent such a powerful state – the Russian Federation?” But after closing ceremony, I was really sure about answers to that
questions - YES it is possible. My motivation for being a part of MUNOM 2014 was to experience politics first-hand. In a seminar at university you only talk about ‘how it works’, but you don’t
try it and MUNOM 2014 was a chance to witness all aspects of the United Nations.

Mareike Jacobi, representing Belgium:
Since it has been my first MUN, I can only say that the whole event was pretty amazing. Not only that I got to know so many people form different cultures, but also the conference itself
which has been magnificent.
It was interesting to see how resolutions were developed in fruitful and productive debates. One could believe that we were really working out a paper, which could be used in real life,
improving and defusing the critical situation in Palestine.Thanks MUN for this unforgettable experience!

Lara Kujawa, representing USA:
I found the atmosphere on the Model of the United Nations in Malmö was very friendly. It was a great experience.

Sandy Anna Stachulski, representing USA:
The excursion to Malmö was very exciting. I can take a lot of new evidence emerges and the UN Simulation was a new and successful learning process.