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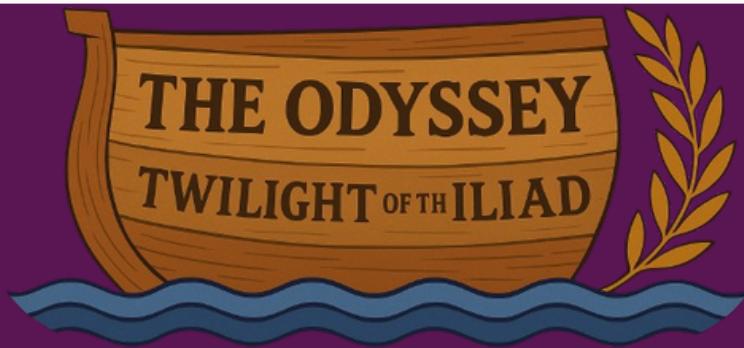
IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT WE PRESENT THIS MONTH'S EDITION OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF, DEDICATED TO THE 29TH ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS, OR 'CMUN'. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW EVENTS THAT CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF SYMPOSIUM AND ITS COMMUNITY AS VIVIDLY AS CMUN. FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES, IT HAS BEEN THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR CLUB'S JOURNEY IN DIPLOMACY, DEBATE AND THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.

IN THIS ISSUE, WE CELEBRATE MORE THAN JUST THE COMMITTEES OF CMUN AND THEIR AGENDAS. WE CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CMUN ITSELF; THE FRIENDSHIPS FORMED OVER UNMODERATED CAUCUSES, THE ADRENALINE OF NIGHT CRISIS AND THE SATISFACTION OF A RESOLUTION FINALLY PASSED. WE HOPE THIS EDITION OFFERS YOU A WINDOW INTO THE UNIQUE WORLD OF CMUN 2025: ITS COMMITTEES, ITS CULTURE AND ITS PEOPLE.

UNTIL AUGUST,  
AADITYA AGARWAL AND ANSH BHANSALI,  
EDITORS-IN-CHIEF,  
THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

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ANSH BHANSALI

In the *Odyssey: Twilight of the Iliad*, delegates came aboard a fractured fleet, longing to return to Ithaca, torn apart by a prophecy, and slowly losing their confidence in their chosen king. The opening session threw delegates into the claws of the monstrous Laistrygones, the one-eyed sons of Poseidon, who threatened to destroy the fleet on the orders of their father. Meanwhile, Penelope, Odysseus's wife, had stopped mourning for Odysseus, giving delegates the perfect chance to introduce a suitor and take over the throne of Ithaca through a proxy. Delegates then came face to face with Circe, the goddess of witchcraft, successfully defeating her, but not without chaos ensuing. The first day ended with the shrine for Hades being desecrated, resulting in the enraged god kidnapping the delegates into the underworld.

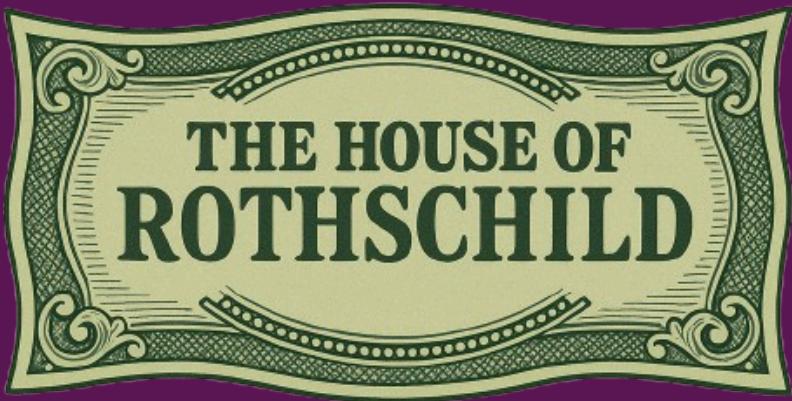


Night crisis continued into the underworld, where delegates sailed through the five different rivers of hell. They faced the dismemberment of limbs to escape the Acheron, a hunt for pieces of a guard's soul in the Cocytus River, a sacrificial trial in the Phlegethon, and temporary amnesia in the Lethe, all to escape with their souls still intact.



The delegates entered the second day still in the underworld. It was revealed to the delegates that a killer walked among them, causing mistrust to flourish and alliances to crumble. Finally, Hades gave them a way out: make a 'Deal with the Devil.' This led to 1/6th of every delegate's soul coming into Hades's possession. Immediately after their narrow escape from the underworld, they were faced with enchanting sirens, who wished for the fleet's downfall. Meanwhile, delegates in committee began plotting against their king, Odysseus, ultimately resulting in his assassination, under the pretence of insanity, throwing the fleet into disarray. Delegates had to scramble to elect a new leader, otherwise risking the collapse of the entire fleet.

The last day opened with the funeral of the great king Odysseus, where his last will was revealed. Addressed to the Royal Council and crew, it thanked them for their service and set strict orders for the journey home, based on the Pallas Prophecy he received from Athena, which, if not followed, would doom the voyage and prevent their return to Ithaca. Delegates had to sprint to create a 'Council's Consensus' to ensure laws do not waver and anarchy does not erupt, resolving all internal issues through a game of fates. Committee ended with the delegates successfully arriving at Ithaca's shores, reunited with their loved ones.



## ATISHAY DHADHA

On the first day, we began with a seemingly ordinary session until the delegates were handed a newspaper that would initiate the chaos to follow. Inside were articles laced with propaganda and coded instructions. Delegates had to work through crosswords and word searches while hunting for sections written in invisible ink, which could only be revealed with the special pens they had been given. Every puzzle solved unlocked a crisis update, each one worsening the revolutions already gripping Europe. By the time all had been uncovered and more crises were announced, the Rothschilds were seen as villains, catching the eye of the Illuminati.



We introduced Envy first, revealing the founder's will. This was followed by Sloth and Greed, as the family's key investments faltered and backroom deals bled information to their enemies. Pride and Lust took their toll through public scandal. Gluttony struck with brutal simplicity, half of the delegates found themselves "poisoned", while Wrath was seen in a horrifying anti-Jewish campaign sweeping across Europe. By the end of the day, the air was thick with mistrust, and the Illuminati's influence felt omnipresent.



For the Night Crisis, the committee itself became the Illuminati. Delegates had to infiltrate the Rothschilds' underground railway system, in a simulation inspired by 'Among Us'. They advanced by completing logical challenges and riddles, but among them were moles who already knew the answers and worked to mislead the group. After multiple rounds of voting and eliminations, the moles emerged victorious, damaging Rothschild infrastructure. The night ended with visits from the Pope, the Tsar, and Queen Victoria, to draw them into the Illuminati's inner circle. The result was devastating, with half of Europe falling to Illuminati control and Italy unified under them.

The second day opened with the committee in recovery mode, strategising against the Illuminati's advance. This resolve was soon interrupted by the revelation that the Rothschild patriarch had been murdered, with the killer hiding among the delegates. The investigation spiralled into a full-scale Family Tribunal, complete with prosecution, defence, witnesses, and cross-examination. In the end, a guilty verdict was passed, the execution carried out, and the founder's death avenged.



But the momentary unity fractured as war broke out across Europe over colonies and resources. Delegates were divided between monarchist and republican allegiances, and the first shots of war were fired.



The third day transformed committee floor into a stock market simulation with World War I occurring concurrently. Delegates formed four companies and manoeuvred through six rounds of trades, crises, and negotiations, watching their valuations rise and fall on a projected graph. Profits became ammunition in an intense weapons auction, with each side arming itself for the final confrontation. The war cabinet convened, and Europe became a battlefield between Rothschild Monarchists and Rothschild Republicans. After fierce clashes, the Republicans emerged triumphant, declaring a Rothschild Republic across the continent and bringing the committee to a dramatic close.



*"I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude towards my Executive Board, the true backbone of our committee. Passion, when shared, creates a self-sustaining cycle of its accretion. Every little thing that was done for this committee was done with the trademark of passion. In this process, I hope that my EB and I have been able to augment every delegate's passion for MUN. The Rothschild family was solely focused on making profits; however, they held a common passion in their hearts, which was the growth of those closest to them. Similarly, winning is the primary priority; however, deriving fulfilment from an activity is the prerequisite for anyone to even begin thinking about winning. CMUN 2025 felt ephemeral; however, its impact on me is going to be indelible." - Director, THOR, Atishay Dhadha.*

# HISTORIC SECURITY COUNCIL

## GAYATRI PATWARDHAN

The Historic Security Council was marked by aggressive, high-stakes, and deeply contentious debate, as delegates grappled with the tangled complexities of the Soviet-Afghan War and the multitude of potential solutions. From the very outset, the Security Council was tense, with speeches laced with accusation, defiance, and the constant threat of escalation. Delegates were confronted with a conflict already defined by brutality, where the Soviet Union's intervention in Afghanistan had sparked a proxy war fueled by foreign funding, guerrilla resistance, and deep ideological divides. As discussions unfolded, the lines between diplomacy and confrontation blurred, and the war took on an even more radical dimension.

What had begun as a contained, though bloody, regional struggle rapidly spiraled into a global confrontation. In a shocking turn of events, countries that had previously only supported Afghan forces through covert means began to enter the battlefield directly, openly declaring hostilities against the Soviet Union. Skirmishes grew into full-scale battles, and the Soviet military found itself fighting on multiple fronts, bleeding resources, manpower, and political credibility. This mounting pressure accelerated the internal fractures within the USSR, hastening its eventual collapse under the combined weight of foreign military pressure, domestic unrest, and economic exhaustion.



However, the collapse of the Soviet Union did not bring peace. It was during the night crisis session that the Council's work took an unimaginable twist. Without warning, delegates were kidnapped, stripped of all communication, and subjected to intense updates and psychological testing. The captors' motives remained unclear, but soon the truth emerged in a reality-defying revelation: the delegates were to be transported into the future. Through the chilling mechanism of cryo chambers, they were placed into suspended animation and awoke decades later in a transformed, and far more dangerous world.



The future they awoke to was unrecognizable. The Middle East had been entirely consumed by extremist organizations, whose power now stretched beyond national borders, unified under a single radical ideology. These groups controlled vast territories, resources, and advanced weaponry, operating more like a coordinated empire than fragmented insurgencies. Simultaneously, in Central and East Asia, history had taken a dark and surreal turn: the Mongolian Empire had returned, revived in ideology and military structure, ruled by a ruthless dictatorship modeled after Genghis Khan's conquests, employing the same ferocity, expansionism, and disregard for civilian life.



As if these two aggressive powers were not enough to destabilize the world, a third force emerged from the annals of history: the imperial powers of Europe and beyond had united, resurrecting their historical colonial empires. They adopted their most extreme and oppressive policies from past centuries, justified under the guise of preserving order and countering the threats posed by the Mongolian resurgence and Middle Eastern extremism. These empires were relentless, seeking to expand their dominions while exacting harsh control over conquered populations.



The result was World War III, a cataclysmic conflict fought by three belligerent blocs, each driven by ideology, conquest, and survival. The war cabinet of this era was ruthless and unyielding, making decisions that led to widespread devastation, scorched-earth campaigns, and unimaginable civilian casualties. The world became a battlefield without frontlines, where diplomacy was a relic of the past, and only total victory or annihilation remained on the table. This was a world shaped not by compromise, but by bloodshed, devastation, and violence.

*"CMUN this year was more than a MUN; it was the end of a five-year-long journey, and the HSC served as the perfect end. This committee was one of the most creatively executed committees I've ever been to, and as cheesy as this sounds the Historic Security Council made history in my memory as one of my favourite memories of MUNning."* - Director, HSC, Gayatri Patwardhan



## ISHAAN TAPARIA

Day one of the Indo-Stabilisation Emergency Council started off with fast-paced Indian parliamentary procedure; with general discussions, question hour and even an emergency file discussion containing information on state powers. The delegates were given time to review the files and present their findings. Amidst the bureaucratic jargon and useless statistics was hidden ISEC gold, missing clauses from the State Federalism Establishment Act, 1984 that touched upon the ability of a state under state emergency to accept foreign aid and intervention in the event that the national government is not doing an adequate job as well as affirming the state's ability to give up boarder security under emergency conditions. Two absolutely ludicrous clauses that were later revealed to be illegally reappealed, meaning they were still in place. Day 1 ended with The LTTE overthrowing the Sri-Lankan government and taking its place while reallocating all of the country's resources into the military.

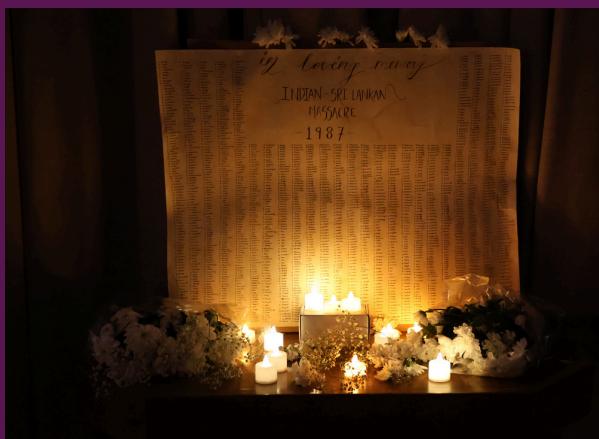


Night crisis took a turn for the worst as Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, was kidnapped and held hostage by an LTTE representative known as Katalina Sharipov (previously appearing in the United States Senate, CMUN 2024) who offered a game of poker for his life.

India held 2 Aces (Hearts and Diamonds) while Sharipov held a 10 and King of Spades

- The **flop** was the Ace of Spades, the Jack of Spades and the 7 of Diamonds
- The **turn** was the Ace of Clubs
- And finally when the delegates believed that they had Quad Aces and had won the game
- The **river** was be a Queen of Spades

Leaving the LTTE leader with a Royal Flush, the highest hand in the game.



Rajiv Gandhi was taken on an LTTE ship out into the Palk Strait and was executed as his body was dumped in the Strait. Chaos followed as Tamil Nadu supported by the LTTE launched an internal attack on India, picking up allied states on the way. The semi-civil war then moved into an international conflict as Pakistan and Bangladesh launched a dual pronged attack on India wearing down boarders and taking territories.



With India on the brink of collapse, the UN called for an emergency ceasefire and the people of India, an emergency re-election. 2 parties stood against each other: The State Federalist Party and the Samaj Suraksha Party. The citizens of India questioned their new leaders before voting, with the result being the SSP winning by 62 Cr votes. This was followed by an emergency Supreme Court judicial review of the State Federalism Establishment Act of 1984. With points of objectives and witness statements, the judge concluded that the bill will stand. Next, the committee was attacked by ISIS, killing 50% of the ministers and leaving Indian security fragmented. These ministers returned as China before India formally declared war on them. The conflict started in the Bay of Bengal, where the two sides met in a naval war cabinet, where they fought while playing real-life battleships. With India sinking the Chinese fleet, day 2 ended with the India-China conflict at its peak.

Day 3 saw the states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Arunachal Pradesh, to name a few, declaring state emergency for the first time since the establishment of the act. This was noted as a vital moment in committee as now these states left the country and joined the People's Republic of China. Both blocks were given time to draft a new form of paperwork that was created by the executive board known as a supreme war council order. This entailed the allocation of resources, military and political actions to various battlefronts. What followed was an absolute carnage to the rest of the world as India started invading and taking over countries one by one. India took over Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and then the Southern half of China before taking control of Asia as a whole and then shifting its interest to the west. In doing so, the country then took Africa, South Africa and the entire European continent before slowly taking over every single country in the world over just a 2 year span



*“The 4th Specialized of CMUN has been special to me for an extremely long time. And over five years. This committee was more than just a MUN, it was my battlefield, my home, and saying goodbye marks the end of a journey I'll never forget.” – Director, ISEC, Ishaan Taparia*



## THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL OF KURUKSHETRA

Raj Mehta

Committee began in the wake of an uneasy truce between two war-hardened dynasties. Delegates gathered under the looming shadow of war, only to have the General Speaker's List halted by a divine crisis: Lord Shiva himself, angered by mortal arrogance and the destruction being carved across Aryavarta, cursed the world by releasing monsters from the void of his wrath. The realm was plunged into chaos. In the flames of confusion, shocking truths were unearthed, Arjuna's sacred vows broken by deceit, Duryodhana's hands stained with bribes, and the Pandavas' silent complicity in Draupadi's disrobing. The heroes of the Mahabharata stood exposed, their legacies shattered. The day culminated in a fiery descent as Agni, god of fire and guardian of truth, emerged to accuse Draupadi and Duryodhana of violating the sacred bond of her marriage, threatening the very fabric of Dharma.



Day two opened with Agni's wrath, as he set Aryavarta ablaze in an inferno of divine judgment. As fire consumed the land, so too did betrayal consume alliances. In a twist of fate, Draupadi renounced her past, her love for Duryodhana nullified the Pandavas' claim to her, shattering any remaining unity. Into this burning crucible strode Ekalavya, seething. He vowed to raze Hastinapur and Indraprastha to ashes unless offered a prize worthy of his pain. With war imminent, the Great Lobbying Game of the Mythic Weapons began: each delegate, through cunning alliances and strategy, ranked three delegates, 3 points for their first, 2 for their second, and 1 for their third. Destinies were rewritten, and weapons were distributed not by legacy, but by wit and will.

Then, a final challenge was unveiled, an interactive crossword woven with threads of mythology, where every correct answer yielded +1 in the weapons mechanism, heating the battlefield. But divine anger had not yet cooled. In a cataclysmic decree, Shiva unleashed “Karmic Jvara”, a sacred, unrelenting fever, rooted in cosmic justice. The fever spread swiftly, indiscriminately weakening all who dared lift a weapon, forcing mortals to reckon with their own mortality amidst the divine chessboard.



Day three dawned with the inevitable: the Mahabharata was declared open. What began as a council had transformed into an all-out war, with crises pulled from delegates' communiqués and the Scroll of Intent, a revolutionary tool allowing participants to chart their hidden motives and reshape the tides of fate. Action orders began, three decisive moves per faction, each a stroke on the canvas of destiny. In a race for survival, the “Dice Roll of Destiny”, a defining mechanic of this committee, determined which side would purge the divine fever from their veins. With bated breath, the dice fell, and the Pandavas triumphed, rising from the ashes stronger than before.



But victory would not come so easily. The final blow, cloaked in the cunning of power and the spoils of strategy, was delivered by Duryodhana, armed with the Brahmashastra, a mythical weapon won not through lineage, but through the cold calculus of lobbying. In a final, catastrophic clash, Yudhishtira, the Dharma incarnate, was struck down. The unthinkable unfolded: the Kauravas emerged victorious. The Mahabharata, long believed to be the Pandavas' tale, was rewritten in blood and ash, ambition and betrayal. Aryavarta stood scarred, its destiny redefined, not by gods or sages, but by the hands of mortals who dared to seize control of their fate.

*“My committee this year was a unique blend of radical crises and solution oriented debate. My favourite part of this committee was how each crises in a way was linked to the other, each eventually leading to the war cabinet. Each delegate gained some leverage over the others by navigating through these crises in the most optimal way and it all came down to a final showdown on the last day in the war cabinet.” - Director, MTECK, Raj Mehta*



VIHAAN GUPTA

*"I've been doing regionals throughout my MUN career; however, PGC was different. It was a perfect balance between legal nuances, land acquisition and strategies. The ATS and UNCLOS are relevant, upcoming points of contention in the real world, and it is cool to hear the opinions of people who will likely grow up to be future leaders, discussing this topic when it comes of relevance in 2048"* - Director, PGC, Vihaan Gupta



Day 1 saw delegates resolving multiple crises regarding the Arctic. First, the heads of Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the USA created an Arctic Cartel. Acting as the OPEC of the North, they unilaterally decided tariffs across various Arctic commodities. With China and Russia on opposite sides, delegates plunged into debate over the legalities of UNCLOS, maritime law, and the implications of ARNA. As the committee reached a semblance of stability, ice embargos caused the collapse of markets across the globe. Unknown, trained pirates attacked, leaving delegates scrambling to uncover the masked entity and safeguard their country's economies. Accusations flew, as ARNA and its counterpart, Diplobear, traded barbs over responsibility. Day 1 ended with the revelation that the pirates were Inuits, covertly funded by India, the DPRK, China, and South Africa.

Day 2 began with a robust discussion on working papers, as both blocs attempted to monopolise the Arctic. With the end of the discussion came an audacious declaration: that a Category 4 Polar Storm caused all Antarctic claims to be dissolved. Divided into two factions, delegates were thrown into an intense game of strategy and collaboration. The Executive Board auctioned off areas of the Antarctic, following which, delegates had to use their infantry, planes, tanks, technology, and missiles to attack each other's land. Through 1v1s and 2v2s, delegates argued their case. A jury of seven decided each territorial clash, ensuring that every attack and defence was not just a matter of brute force, but of sharp rhetoric and diplomatic agility.



During Day 3, delegates presented their Draft Resolutions as they battled to scrap the opposing bloc's through points of order, legalities, and a 3v3. Despite committee eventually failing, the Polar Governance Council 2048 truly was a committee like no other. It was a crucible of wit, strategy, and audacity, where delegates navigated shifting allegiances, environmental catastrophe, and high-stakes conflict with unrelenting resolve.

# BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

VYOM BUHARIWALLA

*“Set in the backdrop of Brexit and the Covid 19 pandemic, the British House of Commons 2022 or more simply known at CMUN 25 as “HOC” was one of, if not the most interesting and dynamic General Assembly run in modern CMUN history.” - Director, BHOC, Vyom Buhariwalla*



The committee began with the resignation of Boris Johnson following disturbing footage of him singing Sweet Caroline with friends at a party. Not being able to deal with this embarrassment, he resigned. The committee grew tense with each party fighting for the right to be the next holder of the role of PM. Suddenly, the Executive board announced a flash election and each party had to put forward a member for Home Secretary and Prime Minister. The committee then voted on 10 candidates. With the votes for PM being tied between Rachel Reeves and Rishi Sunak, a game of Russian Roulette decided the fate of who became the Prime Minister, with Rishi Sunak being the victor. Committee ended with a cliffhanger, with Preeti Patel committing suicide, citing the incompetence of the government.

Next morning we were introduced to the antagonist of committee, “Viscount Balthazar Percival Thistlewait the 6th”. The leader of the Northern Irish Party Sinn Fein. With this new disruption in committee and the rise of unrest among the population parliament was stormed by members of the public demanding reform. The committee failed to act England was thrown into a civil war, with each party desperately trying to gain back whatever territory they could. The war eventually ended after 2 hours of committee time, with the conservatives taking back southern England, and sinn fein being forced to retreat to Northern Ireland.

Towards the end, representatives from the USA China and EU presented the delegates with lucrative trade deals which the delegates had to evaluate before picking one which would seal the future of England, or doom it for eternity.



Committee ended on day 3 with 4 draft resolutions being discussed, voted on, and failing, making committee as a whole unsuccessful and failing to reach its goals and plunging England into chaos and anarchy.



## VIR GOGIA

Committee opened with an unprecedented jolt: leaked internal memos surfaced, exposing confidential plans by senior WTO officials to dismantle the Appellate Body entirely. Before delegates could fully absorb the implications, the Director was abruptly kidnapped, sending the room into disarray. With leadership compromised, delegates voted to revive the Appellate Body and vest its powers in the Executive Board. The rest of the day culminated in a fierce confrontation over the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).



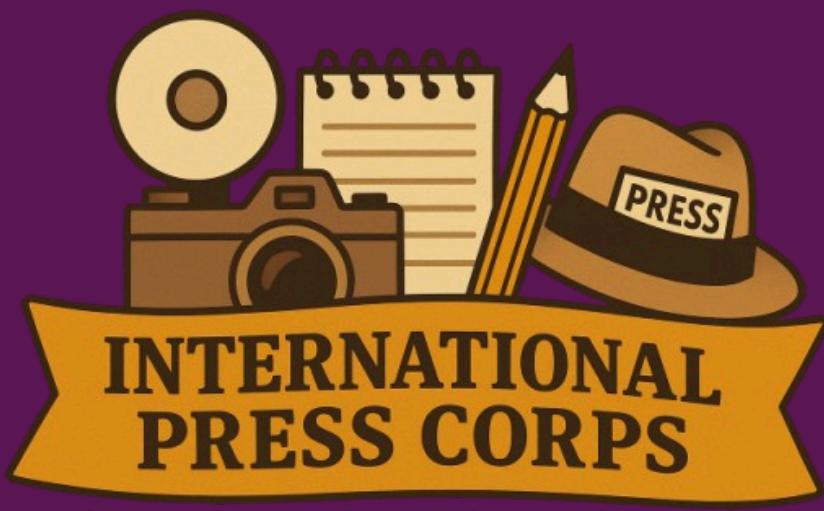
Soon after, new intelligence alleged that USA and the EU had repurposed CBAM as a covert surveillance network, monitoring green energy transactions across the Global South. The revelations collided with a fast-escalating humanitarian crisis involving the displacement of thousands of Indian technology workers. Al-Maarifa, a radical insurgent organisation, claimed responsibility for the turmoil, further destabilising the global order represented in the room. Then came a twist that would dominate headlines: the United Nations Secretary-General was reportedly taken hostage. In an extraordinary turn, delegates found themselves in a high-stakes auction to appoint a new Appellate Body judge - a contest India narrowly won by offering Mumbai, edging out Russia's audacious bid of the Tsar Bomb.

If the first two days were defined by scandal, the final day was defined by spectacle. A fast-paced treasure-hunt simulation uncovered damning evidence implicating India as a mole for Al-Maarifa. The chamber transformed into a court of law as delegates launched a full impeachment trial. The Secretariat assumed the role of jury, while prosecution and defence clashed in meticulously argued cases that blended legal precision with political calculation. In a verdict that stunned the room, India was acquitted - restoring a fragile sense of order, if not complete trust.

In the closing hours, history was made. Against all expectations, the WTO passed its Draft Resolution - a rare feat in such a fractured environment. The document stood as a testament to the resilience of diplomacy under extreme strain, balancing institutional preservation with the urgent need to address the overlapping crises that had threatened to derail the agenda entirely.



*"I will remember WTO at CMUN 2025 not only for its cascade of crises, but for its ability to turn chaos into consensus. It was a committee that tested every diplomatic instinct, rewarded strategic thinking, and delivered an unforgettable lesson in the art of negotiation under fire."* - Director, WTO, Vir Gogia



## SAMAYA VAIDYA

This year, the International Press Corps delegates were tasked with reporting on the unfolding developments across various global committees, all while grappling with a n escalating crisis known as the Pegasus Papers. What began as routine reporting quickly turned into a full-scale investigation as damning leaks revealed the use of Pegasus spyware to surveil journalists, activists, and political figures.

As information trickled in from other committees, including high-level discussions in the Historic Security Council, Cabinets, General Assemblies and regional bodies, Press Corps delegates found themselves juggling multiple roles. They were not only responsible for producing timely, well-researched articles on the debates and resolutions emerging from these committees, but also for connecting the dots of a far-reaching and deeply rooted international scandal. This dual responsibility pushed delegates to work around the clock, filing stories under tight deadlines while attending press conferences, questioning committee representatives, and engaging in backroom negotiations to uncover the truth behind the spyware's origins and usage.



The Pegasus Papers crisis intensified when credible sources exposed covert collaborations between multinational tech firms and government agencies to deploy the spyware. Delegates pressed for answers at every turn, facing denials from government officials and evasive statements from corporate representatives. Mistrust ran deep, within the press itself. As misinformation campaigns spread and whistleblowers went silent, delegates struggled to verify facts, protect their sources and maintain the integrity of their reporting.

The situation deteriorated further with the emergence of hostage situations linked to journalists who had been investigating Pegasus. These developments forced the Press Corps to take an even more active stance, using their platform not only to report but to advocate. Many articles turned sharply critical of state surveillance practices, calling out nations that had once championed press freedom for their hypocrisy. Editorials and investigative pieces demanded urgent action from the international community and highlighted the growing risks faced by journalists in the digital age.



Just as momentum began to build for a coordinated response, the crisis reached a shocking climax. A targeted strike eliminated the entire International Press Corps in one of the most dramatic and tragic turns in the simulation. This event sent shockwaves through every committee and highlighted the extreme consequences of unchecked surveillance and suppression of the press.



Despite their tragic end, the legacy of the Press Corps endured. Their investigations galvanised action across committees, and in the final hours of the conference, delegates succeeded in passing formal resolutions to protect journalists worldwide. These included calls for the complete dismantling of Pegasus, the establishment of international oversight on digital surveillance tools, and greater protections for media institutions. The work of the International Press Corps demonstrated the essential role of journalism in holding power accountable, even in the face of danger, deception, and destruction.

*"This was my fourth and final CMUN, and I was inexplicably proud to be the director of the IPC this year. Take it from someone well-acquainted with CMUN and the legacy of our school – this conference has the power to leave a lasting impact, if you engage with it in the spirit of the prestige and excellence it represents. I hope all my delegates resonate with this. This was your moment – you'll write boldly, sought truth relentlessly, and watched the world move with your words." - Director, IPC, Samaya Vaidya*