

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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Gossip Box?!**

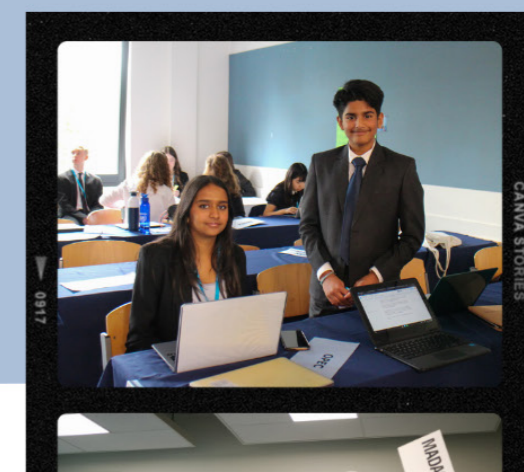
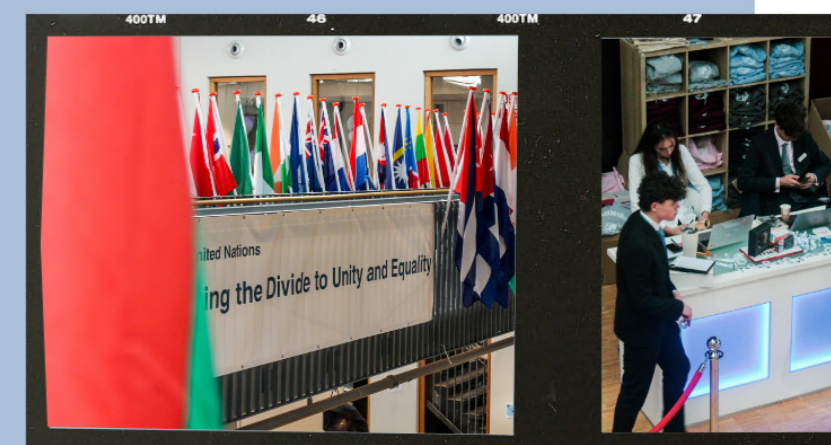
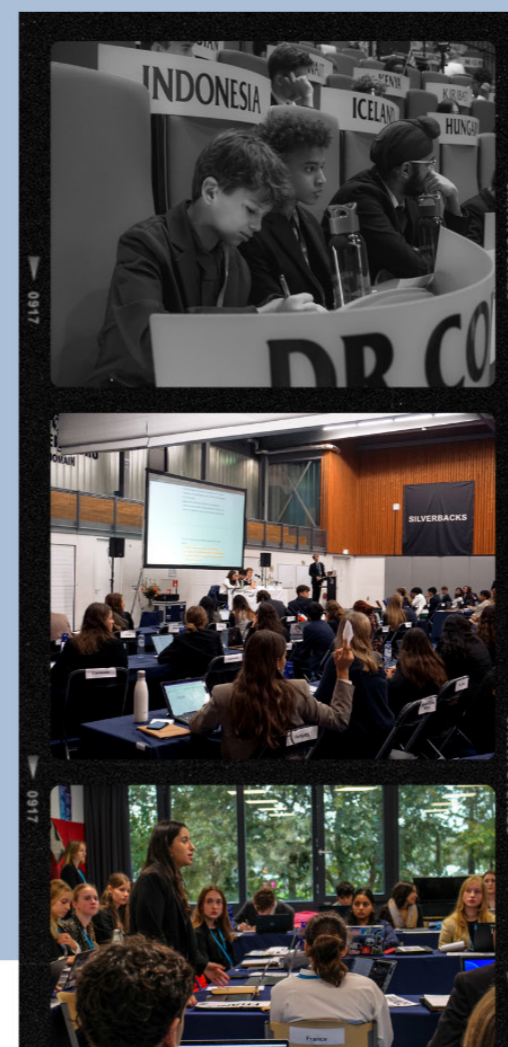
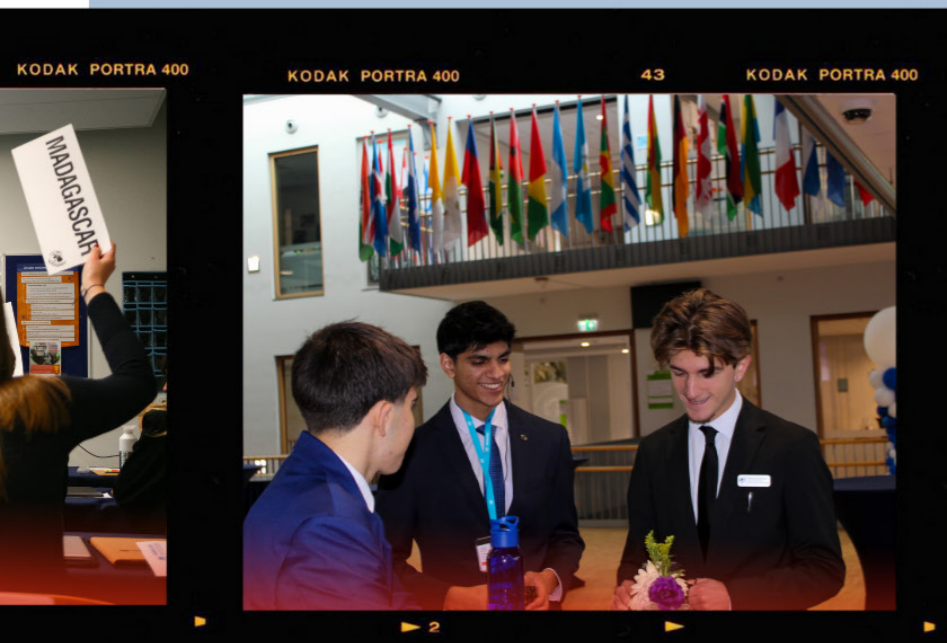
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# Day 2

# Through the Lens





# History of MUNISH

## Odysseas Kotzagiorgis

MUNISH, or the Model United Nations International School of the Hague, is an academic simulation program of the UN (United Nations) that helps support global awareness and diplomacy among high school students. Founded in the historical city of The Hague, Netherlands, MUNISH has played a significant role in educating future leaders and creating a deep understanding of international relations and diplomacy. The history of MUNISH is linked with the rich legacy of The Hague as a city dedicated to peace and justice.

The Hague, often referred to as the International City of Peace and Justice, has been a crucial centre for global diplomacy since the late 19th

century. The hosting of two peace conferences in 1899 and 1907 solidified its reputation as a pivotal location for hosting global cooperation and resolving conflicts through peaceful means.

The founding of the Model United Nations International School of the Hague was a testament to the city's commitment to nurturing the next generation of global leaders and peacemakers. MUNISH was created as a platform to provide students with a firsthand experience of the difficulties and complications of international diplomacy, allowing them to simulate the proceedings of the United Nations.

Over the years, MUNISH has evolved into one of the most prestigious Model United Nations conferences globally, attracting students from various corners of the world. The program has been instrumental in developing students' critical thinking, public speaking, and negotiation skills, preparing them to tackle complicated global challenges with diplomacy and formality.

The partnership between MUNISH and The Hague has been mutually beneficial. MUNISH's presence in The Hague has further solidified the city's status as an international diplomatic city, reinforcing its commitment to peace, justice, global cooperation and conflict solving. The exchange of ideas, perspectives,

and cultural experiences among participating students has contributed to the city's diverse intellectual landscape.

As MUNISH continues to inspire the next generation of global leaders, its legacy remains intertwined with The Hague's enduring commitment to peace and justice. The program's emphasis on diplomacy, collaboration, and understanding resonates with the city's historical significance as a birthplace of international law and diplomacy. Together, MUNISH and The Hague continue to inspire future generations to strive for a more peaceful and fair world through dialogue, understanding and cooperation.

# Best Dressed

"I'm the best dressed because my outfit brings out the shine in my personality"  
-Alastrina

"I'm the best dressed because you know they see my polka dot shirt and they fold"  
-Ian

Ana Sofia, Yoshida



Laith, Lizzie, Fenner

Lisa, Boaz, Edith



Pommes, Ewura

"I'm the best dressed because I presented a new fashion style by wearing a skirt over a dress"  
-Ewura

"I'm the best dressed because my outfit is like Blair Waldorf if she was interested in international relations"  
-Edith

"I'm best dressed because it's nearly christmas, and, you know, you gotta start feeling the christmas vibe"  
\*plays christmas music from tie\*  
-Boaz

# The Removal of the Gossip Box

Mees Uijtewaal

Ever since its introduction, the controversial yet widely beloved Gossip Box has been essential to all MUN conferences across the world, concluding each conference with a sense of community and a laid-back laugh.

The Gossip Box gave delegates the opportunity to interact with each other through gossip notes they would write and insert into the Box, these notes would be read out by the chair at the end of conferences. The majority of delegates widely praised the Gossip Box due to its entertaining nature, closing the exhausting conferences with a lighthearted atmosphere. The Gossip Box relieved the built-up tension of the conference and brought delight upon the faces of the delegates, adding a pleasant element to the conference. However, over the years the Gossip Box often found itself being misused by a minority of delegates to spread offensive and hurtful messages about the conference and each other, taking away the joy that came with it. This led to MUN directors deciding to remove the Gossip Box to avoid its exploitation and the negative experiences that potentially come with it. The majority of the public felt upset with the removal, leading the Chair of PBC, Kim Schnebbelie, to state:

**The conference is first and foremost about debate, it is an understandable decision but the box will be missed.**

In the end, MUNISH should be a welcoming and safe environment for all, which the removal of the Gossip Box will undoubtedly contribute to. While many delegates are nostalgic and disappointed in the removal of the Gossip Box, it is important to consider all perspectives and ensure everyone creates fond memories during the conference.

# Get Your Hoodies Today!

Mees Uijtewaal

The iconic merch stand returns with the 33rd annual edition of MUNISH, allowing attendees to purchase top of the line hoodies, tote bags, snacks, wrist bands, stickers, and more. Furthermore, a limited edition hoodie has become available as well, including a unique 33rd MUNISH logo and print in a sleek navy blue. All these hoodies are perfect for keeping you cosy as you face the harsh, bitter, cold weather of The Netherlands. How could you not want some nostalgic clothing or merchandise to remind you of all your fond memories of MUNISH?

All of this and more is available at the back of the plaza. MUNISH relies on the income from merch purchases made by attendees to ensure all aspects of operation can be financed for, meaning your purchase is vital. However, all merch has a limited supply and is running out quickly, so make sure you don't miss your chance!



**On the behalf of MUNISH we would like to thank the efforts of the Merchandise Team for providing us with merchandise of the highest quality.**

# Looking into GA1

Millie Heine



As the second day of MUNISH unfolds, committees embark into their sessions, and a day of fruitful debates starts. Today our focus turns to the first General Assembly, where crucial issues of global concern are being debated and attempted to be resolved. The three pressing issues on the agenda are as diverse as they are challenging. During the opening speech, it became evident that collaboration and unity are first on the delegates minds when it comes to resolving these issues. Even though the delegates have only been debating for a limited amount of time, their excitement and hardworking attitude was evident during lobbying time. To provide a clearer understanding of the committee's focus, we offer concise summaries of the three issues on the agenda.

The issues in the first General Assembly, include tackling the surge of piracy in the Singapore Strait, addressing the use of private militaries in on state conflicts and implementing measures to trace and prevent terrorism financing. (Entrance sentence to introduction to these topics)

The first issue tackles the surge of piracy in the Singapore strait. Frequent and high rates of piracy and armed robberies in the Singapore strait, have led to it becoming a region of concern by the "Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia" (RECAAP). With over 1000 vessels passing through every day, the Singapore strait is one the most important logistical transport routes in the world. However over the course of the past years, there has been a spike in the numbers of piracy a

nd armed attacks to ships passing through this lane. There have been multiple attacks, by organised criminal groups who hijack, conduct armed robberies and kidnappings on these ships. This has led to major concern and a call for collaboration. In order to solve this issue, and implement better suited regulations, there is a strong need for collaboration between the neighbouring and affected countries as well as international organisations.

The second issue on the agenda, delves into addressing the use of private military companies (PMC) in on-state conflicts. PMC's can be defined as independent corporations which are able to offer services to different governments

and international organisations, therefore becoming crucial parties in on-state conflicts around the world. However the use of these PMC's brings up ethical, legal and strategic concerns in governments and international organisations worldwide.

The last issue on this agenda will tackle implementing measures to trace and prevent terrorism financing. This is vital, as it will provide national security, prevent recruitment for terrorist groups, reduce radicalisation and target terrorist organisations as well as public safety. It focuses on the fact that if a terrorist group does not have money, it will not be able to operate. However the constant flow of money to these groups raises the question, where is it coming from and how can we prevent it? As these interventions provide high costs, it means that intense collaboration and decisions must be made between not only the affected nations but also international organisations.

Just as I entered the first General assembly, an immediate call for collaboration and unity could be heard from one delegation. Whilst only being the committee, for a very short time, it was immediately made clear that the efforts of the different delegations were focused on collaborations between the different nations aiming to solve these issues together. It was seen that the pressing challenges in front of us can only be solved and resolved through a call for unified and collaborative efforts between all nations. As these delegates embark on an innovative and collaborative journey to resolving some of the greatest world's conflicts, we wish them the best of luck!





# MUN Stories from Delegates

Jasmijn Kam

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experiences at MUN conferences. Delegates at this conference were asked to share their stories, to uncover the most hilarious student experiences. Many asked to remain anonymous, but that only deepens the intrigue of the stories.

## Any funny moments during committee sessions?

"I don't know if this counts as an incident, but one time my chair was super late and the president chair was planning on what punishment to give them when they arrived. It was really funny because she was urging us to think of the most, like, absurd punishments, we eventually just let him do just dance and made him do couples yoga with another delegate that was late, my chairs were really unserious."

## What's the funniest speech you've witnessed?

"I think this guy lost a bet or something but one delegate went up to make a speech and just flat out asked for the chairs number during the speech, she obviously said no."

## Any unexpected alliances or friendships formed?

"The delegate for Russia and the delegate for the USA were both late once and were punished by doing couples yoga together, which actually formed a friendship because they had been trying to attack each other the whole conference until they did that, they were actually pretty nice to one another. Maybe they both felt something afterward, they did seem to lock eyes for a second, I don't know though."

## What's the craziest resolution or clause you've ever seen proposed at an MUN conference?

"Once there was this clause added into a resolution about global peace, I think, to ban all homework worldwide as a way to achieve global peace. The delegate said that homework causes unnecessary stress and leads to potential conflicts between students. It was pretty funny watching my whole committee passionately debate this in the Security Council."

## Tell me about memorable characters you've encountered.

"There was this delegate who constantly used personal pronouns even when told not to, and he seemed completely oblivious to it even when other delegates would make jokes about it in their speeches. He was also the most serious person I have ever met so I wonder where he is now. He also spoke extremely loudly, even when, I guess, he was trying to whisper to the people next to him."

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# Interview with Delegates

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To gain an insight into multiple delegate perspectives, along with these interviews, different delegates were asked to share their experiences at the MUN conferences they have attended.

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## Any behind-the-scenes things you've experienced?

"Oh, one time a delegate or, I think a group of delegates, got into trouble for trying to take more food from the catering or something, there was a whole announcement that it wasn't allowed to take extra food and they were literally escorted outside like they were criminals. I think i heard they also tried to steal stuff from the BOD lounge."

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Sooo many words...

# Test your numerical skills!

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