

Delegate Daily Brief

Thursday, February 21st, 2019

The **General Assembly First Committee** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. The committee decided to discuss **Topic A: The Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Aspects**. Initially, the committee has discussed tracking, enforcement, accountability, and funding. Additionally, they have discussed current United Nations programs that deal with this issue.



The **General Assembly Second Committee** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. Delegates deliberated between choosing Topic A: Women in Development and Topic B: Implementation of the Convention on Biodiversity. The Committee decided to proceed with **Topic A: Women in Development** and began discussing topics such as increasing maternity leave and educational opportunities, as well as identifying disparities in the ability of countries to provide protection for women.



The **General Assembly Third Committee** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. The body approved the motion to consider **Topic A: Promoting the Inclusion of Women and Youth in Governance**. Debate was lively and large caucuses have already begun to form and cooperate at a high level. Debate included discussion on improving access to and quality of education, quotas for women in governance, in addition to several other methods of promoting the inclusion of women and youth.



The **General Assembly Fourth Committee** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. Delegates were prepared for session and shared some very thoughtful opening statements, after which the committee voted to consider **Topic A: International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space**. Caucuses were mainly focused on the use of outer space for innovation and advancement in technology for further development in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, in addition to better regulation and the updating of existing space treaties. Discussions also took place regarding the use of space for warfare, weapons of mass destruction, and methods to discourage its use in acts of war. Removal of debris from outer space was also a major point of discussion.



The **Economic and Social Council** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. During the opening statements, Member States brought up the importance of working as a group with both the Global South and Global North in achieving a stronger and healthier global economy. Without informal debate, ECOSOC voted to bring **Topic A: South South Cooperation** to the floor. Initial debate on the topic included the ideas of accountability for donor states to not pull out of agreements, safeguards for those receiving financial and technical aid, as well as the consideration of new regional development banks different from those currently in existence.



The **United Nations Educational, Science and Cultural Organization** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. After deliberating the topics before the committee, the body decided to address **Topic A: Return and Restitution of Cultural Property**. Initial debate addressed concerns of not finding a universal definition of cultural property and historical examples of how the Members States have been impacted by the topic.



The **World Health Organization** convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. There was immediate consensus among Member States during opening statements to bring **Topic A: Non-communicable Diseases** to the floor. Member States took the majority of the session to discuss non-communicable disease prevention and care priorities as a group. WHO Member States split in to sub-topic working groups to develop clauses and reconvened to combine them into a working paper at the end of the session.



Security Council North convened at 7:30 pm on February 20th in St. Louis, Missouri, United States of America. In the opening speeches, delegates talked about conflict prevention and peacebuilding, enhancing the effectiveness of UN sanctions, and the situation in Ukraine. Security Council North moved forward with discussion on **Topic A: Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding**. Delegates addressed the issues of improving peacekeeping operations and accountability for peacekeepers accused of sexual assault while deployed.



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