

Recent developments: Security Council

The links below are intended to guide delegates through their final stages of research. They were compiled by Committee Director A Young Chun. For any question, please contact A Young at sc.korea@nmun.org or Deputy Secretary-General Hannah Birkenkötter at dsg.korea@nmun.org. Please do not forget that Position Papers are due on November 1, 2013! For more information on Position Papers, check out NMUN•Korea's Web site: http://nmun.org/korea_position_papers.html

Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict

The Responsibility to Protect Website of the International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect provides a chronological archive library on actions with regard to R2P. As the protection of civilians in armed conflict is closely linked to the R2P principle, the Web site also covers civilian protection in conflict situations. Delegates are highly advised to utilize the R2P library to keep track of recent developments of international actions with regard to civilian protection.

Access the R2P timeline here: <http://www.responsibilitytoprotect.org/index.php/recent-developments>

On August 19, 2013, the Security Council held a debate during its 7019th Security Council Meeting on the matter of protecting civilians in conflict situations. Various delegates voiced concerns over threats to sovereignty and territorial integrity due to stronger peacekeeping mandates during the debate, while the importance of continued protection of civilians was also highlighted.

Access the meeting record here: http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_pv_7019.pdf

On August 1st 2013, a letter from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, current President of the Security Council, was addressed to the Secretary-General ahead of the August 19 Security Council debate on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict. An annex to the letter contained background information on the matter and proposed the challenges the delegates were to discuss during debate.

View the letter here: http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/2013/447

During the UNSC open debate of August 19th 2013 on the protection of civilians in armed conflict situations, the High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay updated the council on current situations with regard to the topic under discussion and urged the council for more concrete and immediate measures upon the matter. The speech will prove to be informative in directing delegates upon areas that are in need of prioritized interest.

Ms. Pillay's speech can be accessed here:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10197&LangID=e>

The Situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The UN News Centre is the United Nations' official news agency and it provides specialized information per agenda or region. This Web site contains a special section on the situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with comprehensive news and background information. As the second agenda item is especially versatile, delegates are highly recommended to use the UN News Centre to be consistently updated on recent DPRK developments until the conference.

Access the UN News Centre Web site here:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=69&Body=democratic+people&Body1=Korea>

Recalling Security Council Resolution 1874 (2009), the Security Council had unanimously adopted Security Council Resolution 2050 (2012) in June 2012. This resolution extended the United Nations' mandate to monitor nuclear, chemical and biological weapons possessed by the DPRK, and called for the Panel of Experts established in resolution 1874 to provide a final report to the Council with its findings and recommendations. S/2013/337 is the Report of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1874 (2009) brought to the Council in June 2013. It can be accessed here: http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2013_337.pdf

At the 57th IAEA General Conference (GC), resolution GC(57)/RES/14 on the “Implementation of the NPT safeguards agreement between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea” was adopted on 20 September 2013 during the tenth plenary meeting. The text of the resolution can be accessed here:
http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC57/GC57Resolutions/English/gc57res-14_en.pdf

