

"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity." – John F. Kennedy

## Press Release

Press Release by the United States in the Security Council:

"We are shocked by the deceptive behavior shown by the Russian Federation in unilaterally acting to both violate the personal integrity of NATO pilots, taint the neutral condition of the crash site, and then destroying crucial evidence in the investigation of the plane crash, which – to add insult to injury – was property of the Republic of Turkey. These actions are nothing short of outrageous, and completely unacceptable. As if this was not provocation enough, NATO personnel in Poland also fell victim to a violent virus, which has originated concerns that they could have been poisoned by Russian-affiliated agents."

## Quote From Your Secretaries General

Screw Gravity.  
#lessonstolearnfrom  
#deephoughts

## As It Happened

**UK to NATO:** "Would an apology to Russia be in line with your politics?"

**NATO:** "That is not an option at the present. We offer our sincere condolences, however we cannot offer a full apology until we determine what caused the crash"

## First Directive From The European Council

1. The EC as a council of governments agrees upon that the Netherlands sends an immediate investigation team to the Rotterdam Harbour to find out which chemicals actually have been spilled and how dangerous they are.
2. It demands the European Chemicals Agency to provide its expertise and to coordinate the scientific support offered by Ireland and Germany.
3. Also the Rotterdam Port Authority is demanded to report to the Council where the vessel Poseidon departed from, what is its country of origin and at which harbours it previously stopped.

## .Evening's Event

Karaoke Night 9pm at *Monster Ronson's Ichiban Karaoke* –Warschauer Str. 34,

## The Men in Black Arrive



## ++Breaking News++

Berlin, 16th of August 2017 - A ship transporting chemicals was wrecked in the harbour of Rotterdam due to the storm Emma that caused a leak in the wreck. Experts examining the quality of the water determined a highly poisonous contamination, although an accurate examination still has to be scheduled by the Dutch government. Russian, French, Moroccan and Chinese newspapers reported about soil degradation and crop failure. Rising prices in European countries have already led to political unrest and to demonstrations in Paris while Chinese regional supermarkets have already reported on empty racks.

## Exclusive Interview with Norway – Unravelling Norway's Motivation in the Crisis by Scarlet Wizard

Press Team of BNA 2017 chose to investigate what Norway is looking to contribute in the emergency situation and their point of view on the issue.

**BNA** : What do you want from the debate in the crisis?

**Norway:** We do believe that the environment is crucial for the delegation Norway. It is imperative for all member states to collaborate and optimize all resources to solve the issue at hand today. Any national interest should not be included in the process. Instead, all member states should have put the short-term solution as soon as possible to prevent further destructive impact on the Arctic region.

**BNA** : Are there any actions that have been made by Norwegian government to solve this issue?

**Norway** : Our delegation offered all it takes to help Denmark to further investigate the spill, and also further investigation about the unknown facility in northern Greenland to exclude the chance that the facility was built to deploy harms on the highly sensitive environment of Arctic.

**BNA** : How about the perspective from international communities on the progress you have made to solve this catastrophe?

**Norway** : Myriads of assistance were offered to the Kingdom of Denmark on methods which should be taken to efficiently address the crisis. NGOs also form a basis and provide data to assist Denmark in investigating the vessel and help to configure protection for the indigeneous people of Arctic.

Norway involvement on this crisis will surely become proof of mutual cooperation between the neighbouring countries. Moreover, we can see how the council united as one to help Denmark from future risks of the spilling chemicals, despite being filled with national interests at first. The council managed to prevent further future catastrophe from happening.



## Q&A Cold War in NATO

by Aurora Hamm

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the UN-Security Council found themselves with quite the active exchange between delegates. Both the Russian Federation and the United States of America in the Security Council visited NATO for Q&As, which quickly became an indirect stand-off, between the two nations. Whilst the reception of the Russian Federation was frosty, with the delegate standing in the corner of the room, clearly showing his distance from the committee, the USA lounging on a chair in the middle of the room and answered questions freely. Russia was willing to return the pilots or their remains, but stated clearly, that they were not willing to allow an independent investigation into Russian territory.

The USA's demeanour could not have been more different. He explained the situation in the Security Council, expressing his pleasure about the relative isolation of the Russian delegate. When asked what he expected NATO to contribute in solving the crisis, he freely explained that he expected strongly worded demands from the NATO document. Diplomatic pressure should be maintained however he did express his concern about troop movements. In his last answer, the USA stated that they were not taking any options off the table. The Cold War may be over, but the antagonism between Russia and the USA seems far from it. In the Security Council, they are forced to cooperate due to both veto powers, but as soon as they are not speaking directly to each other, sentiments on the other's character and policy are much less concealed. Russia and the USA remain two of the strongest superpowers, with the capability to destroy Earth many times over. Both nations should start realising that the Cold War is over and try to build a healthy relationship for the shared benefit of humankind.

## ICJ Working Under New Conditions. Ever Heard of UNCLOS Before?

by Katharina Keuken

Usually it takes time, hour after hour, day after day, to pass sentence for a case. Today was different. Today action was required. After storm *Emma* hit northern Europe some chemicals have been leaked into the Baltic Sea. Urgent questions has to be answered: Which state(s) has the right and the duty to investigate? Who has to do damage limitation?



The International Court of Justice had to work with the 'United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea' (UNCLOS - also called 'Law of the Sea Convention' or 'Law of the Sea treaty').

First things first: Defendants switched metaphorically into their judge's gown and held the oaths, so the committee is built out of eight judges for the crisis. After a short confusion: "What are you doing?" - "... What are you doing?" - "No, what are you doing?!" - "Drafting the UN Charta" the judges parted people into groups to divide the work that has to be done.

## ++Official Statement by the BerlinMUN News Agency++

It is a legitimate policy to make a NATO Crisis meeting a closed-door session. However, the delegates of NATO should be aware, that there will be little to no coverage of their progress, thus depriving the rest of the conference of the information on NATO. Not only do other committees have the right to know what decisions NATO is making, but also the citizens of the world are once again deprived of consequential information. The BNA thus strongly condemns the decision of NATO and strongly urges the delegates to change their decision on this.

## Comment on Developments in the HSC

by Océane Gougeon



Despite several obstacles put on the way by the Russian Federation regarding the finding of an agreement upon the investigation of the crash of a Turkish military jet on the NATO/Russian border, the Security Council is working towards adopting directives on the basis of genuine and if possible neutral cooperation, without forgetting the essential use of regulatory diplomacy. Several delegates such as Costa Rica and Greece stressed the importance of a continued dialogue between the Russian Federation and NATO, and the need to prevent any violent episode from breaking out in the region.

## Cooperation Between Member States Always Makes It Easier

by Elena Lobo

The smashed remains of the Poseidon vessel because of the storm "Emma" imposed an unexpected event in today's EC session. The main problem they had to deal with was the release of chemicals products into the North Sea due to this and the measures they have to take to solve this crisis.

The matter the countries had to deal with was the budget they need and can use to try to solve this worrisome crisis. For establishing a fund to finance the operations to contain the crisis, the Member States will contribute in a proportional way to the size of their economies

The EC asked their members to offer help urgently to Netherlands, Belgium and Northern France, the most affected areas of the spreading of the contaminated water and fast actions are taking place. Countries like Germany, Spain or Portugal are contributing with the provision of clean drinking water as well as water for household use in the affected areas; the government of Netherlands has closed the water bottling company located nearby where the accident took place; and Sweden commits to contributing three million litres of fresh water within the next three days besides to grant one detection unit, one chemical unit and one decontamination unit from the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency.

In order to remove the danger and avoid it becomes more dangerous, a group of technical specialist supervised by the European Union's Chemical Agency will be sent to the affected area with the intention of remove the damaged vessel and neutralize the chemicals as quick as possible. Some steps need to be taken for guarantee the health of the population: stop consuming and using water that is accessed via the taps in the affected area and avoid get close to the affected coastlines.

## COP23: Prevention of the Spread of Poisonous Chemicals

by Karina Blommen

During a night session of the COP23 diplomats attempt to prevent the spread of the dangerous chemicals to other world regions. No offender has been accused yet. The Chinese government is very concerned about the security and health of the inhabitants. "There has been severe damage to our civil sector", the representative of China stated. The government has made use of its food storages to solve the food shortage problem. Food packages have been distributed by peace keeping forces, especially in the most affected regions of Taiwan. China aims to establish a collective fund for a speedy distribution of necessities in cooperation with other countries. Moreover, the Chinese diplomat demands an investigation on who is guilty of the chemical catastrophe and wants to call them to justice, although "we should be careful on pointing fingers on others but using objective criteria to investigating the role of entities and countries." Chinas long-term solutions ask for a revision of the five year plan to make Chinese water systems completely independent from sea sources. Furthermore, they aim for the establishment of a better communication with the G20 to prevent these kinds of disasters. The Chinese government recommends its population stay inside the house and will keep the public updated. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Peter Mogherini is also in close communication with the COP23. There have not been taken concrete measures in the EC so far, Mogherini said in a Q&A session in the afternoon. Mogherini and the EC are focusing on ensuring the safety of the European citizens whilst he did not confirm rumours in Europe. Furthermore, there are no evacuations being planned - "All borders are, and will stay open, there will be no limits on trade whatsoever". For now.

