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Wir wünschen Ihnen viel Spaß beim Lesen des Berichts!

Mit besten Grüßen

Die Head Delegates der Kieler Delegation zur NMUN 2025,
Adam Kosumov, Mursal Said, Maximilian Härtel, Alexander Krüger sowie der Vorstand des
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Dear Readers, partners, supporters and sponsors,

With great delight we present to you the final report for the delegation from Kiel University to the National Model United Nations (NMUN) 2025 in New York City. Our club, the International Student Commitment e. V. (ISC), is a registered student association and non-profit organization at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel (CAU).

The ISC was established in 1999 with the noble objective of providing students from diverse programs, degrees, and backgrounds with an enriched international experience. Our mission is to familiarize them with contemporary international politics and current issues. Since 2000, our club has organized a delegation representing the CAU, which has participated regularly in NMUN, the world's largest simulation of the United Nations.

Over the years, our delegates have represented a wide range of countries, including Belize (2000), Mauretania (2001), Slovakia (2002), the United Arab Emirates (2003), Iceland (2004), Moldova (2005), Venezuela (2006), Poland (2007), Somalia (2008 and 2016), Cambodia (2010 and 2018), Serbia (2011), Tonga (2013), Georgia (2014 and 2024), Panama (2015), Vanuatu (2017), Cyprus (2019), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2021 - online), Israel (2022), and Egypt (2023). This year, we were honored to represent Ukraine in 2025.

Since diplomacy hinges on mediation and intercultural understanding, our delegation consisted of 20 delegates and four head delegates, each with a unique profile and remarkable background. In times of escalating global tensions, it is our utmost priority to promote dialogue, particularly among a diverse group, and provide them with the necessary tools and expertise for Model UN.

The internalMUN, GreiMUN, and BayernMUN were excellent choices to refine and sharpen the theoretical input that the delegates had been eagerly studying since October 2024. The internalMUN involved various weekend sessions where delegates received their initial impressions and instructions on preparing for Model UN exclusively in English. Head delegates, who had participated in the last NMUN in 2024 as delegates, identified areas for improvement.

First, social cohesion is crucial. By engaging in team-building activities and providing opportunities for interaction, delegates can build trust and rely on each other more effectively. Second, confidence-building is essential. Since delegates have diverse study programs, it is vital to provide them with comprehensive background information in international institutions and policymaking.










Our selection process proved successful, as our delegates not only strengthened their bonds but also actively sought out each other in Kiel, Nürnberg, Greifswald, and New York. As head delegates, we witnessed how their success became indistinguishable as they grew closer.

In Conclusion, the delegates learned until November how to act, govern, and negotiate in Model UN by studying the structure of Position Papers, Working Papers, and more. Here, they honed their research skills on various global political issues and developed solutions that aligned with their represented country's interests. Additionally, participating in smaller and larger groups helped prepare them for the challenges they would face in New York. As their instructors, we were delighted to witness the remarkable improvement in their skills over the weeks, evident in their speeches, and the critical thinking skills that emerged in the working groups.

Our program, which included a trip to Nürnberg and Greifswald, provided a diverse and intense preparation while fostering new connections and bonds beyond Kiel. We would like to express our gratitude to the organizing staff at GreiMUN and BayernMUN for their hospitality and care throughout our stay.

All these steps and considerations proved instrumental in achieving our goal destination in New York. This year's delegation even surpassed last year's by winning the prestigious „Outstanding Delegation“ award in the UN General Assembly, further extending our winning streak for the past years. Also, the UNDP, UNEA, and UNHCR committees won the „outstanding delegates“ awards that highlight the individual expertise and diplomatic skills of the delegates.

Once again, despite the lengthy work and dedication of our participants, who invested their free time while studying simultaneously, this success wouldn't have been possible without the invaluable support and assistance of our generous sponsors. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to:

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This experience not only served as a simulation for the students but also offered them valuable insights into the work of diplomats and foreign policy. By engaging in discussions with German and Ukrainian diplomats, including the Ukrainian Consul General, the Ukrainian Ambassador

to the UN, and German diplomats stationed in New York, the students gained firsthand knowledge about the career prospects in a similar field. Our nearly 12 months of dedicated work on this project have been an immensely rewarding and enriching experience. We sincerely wish next year's delegation the same level of joy and fulfillment in their endeavors.

Sincerely,

The Head Delegates for the Kiel Delegation to NMUN 2025,
Adam Kosumov, Mursal Said, Maximilian Härtel, and Alexander Krüger alongside the board
of the *ISC e.V.*

Self-introductions

Adam Kosumov

Convinced by last year's NMUN in New York in 2024, I couldn't possibly miss out on the experience in the following year. As a Head Delegate for the Kiel delegation, I was finally able to give the students one of the most unique experiences Kiel University could provide. By coordinating the weekend sessions to prepare the students for their committees in New York MUN, Greifswald MUN, and the voluntary BayernMUN, Kiel was able to perform astonishingly in New York, winning 3 peer awards and an outstanding delegation award for the whole university, even surpassing the achievements from last year.



Personally, as a student in his 6th semester of political science and sociology, this experience helped me to provide a perspective for my future path. In critical times like today, I can even more acknowledge the purpose and significance of multilateralism and, even more, political education. With my immigration background from a country struggling with its sovereignty and democracy, I'm highly advocating for a more peaceful, just, and sustainable future. That is why diplomacy is so crucial for a democratic future.

Therefore, I plan on pursuing my Master's Degree in international relations and engaging in issues promoting diplomatic relations to foster my academic profile. Democracy is at stake, and I will do my part to help sustain a just future in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mursal Said

As last year's NMUN 2024 was a full success, I felt the urge to give back what I had received during my time as a Delegate. These six to seven months were filled with discipline, humor, fun, connection, and hard work. New York showed me the possibilities I could use and new goals I could achieve. Being a delegate taught me how to interact on an international level and to compromise with other people. Debating, convincing, and discussing in English at a high level made me realize how important the work of diplomats actually is. I wished to open up this opportunity to a new generation and hoped to grow more as a person with leadership responsibilities. It was not imperative, but I could already imagine the people I would love to teach and train for the international stage. I knew about the endless



work and effort we would have to put in, but this challenge only amplified my motivation to be a good Head Delegate.

Being a Head Delegate brought its ups and downs. There were countless times when organizing and correcting papers strained me—still, it was worth it. The delegates we chose and spent time with are funny, hardworking, and eager to learn. It always felt amazing to witness the delegates grow and see the results of the sessions. It felt like watching stars twinkle, which made me really proud.

After countless sessions and MUN experiences in Greifswald and Bayern, I just knew the delegates were perfectly prepared for the biggest and most prestigious conference they would ever attend. It just made sense to let the delegates achieve their personal goals and let their new skills shine.

Unfortunately, I know I will not be able to enjoy watching my delegates on the international stage as much as I had hoped, as four members of our precious delegation didn't receive a visa and couldn't attend the conference. There was a sour aftertaste after countless emails, sessions, and preparations, which is why I was incredibly sad upon hearing the news that these delegates would not be able to attend. This experience showed me again the problems international politics and humankind are facing, and how urgent it is to act upon them to ensure true equality among global citizens.

Maximilian Härtel

I've been involved in volunteer work since childhood. Together with my mother and brother, I looked after the community garden, coordinated plant donations from nurseries, and maintained the garden. My next volunteer position was as a swimming instructor for the DLRG (German Life Saving Association). In Kiel, I first volunteered in an open woodworking shop, then with the Green Youth, and finally, when I started my studies, I joined the General Student Committee of the CAU, first as the ecology representative, twice as election chair, and then as the international affairs representative. I first came into contact with Model United Nations through the university's mailing list. After a semester abroad at the Sorbonne in Paris, I represented France at KielMUN2022.

I could have imagined participating in NMUN 2023, but I didn't have the time because I was elected as chair of the AStA (Student Union). In addition to the AStA board, I was also elected spokesperson for the State AStA Conference (the association of AStA students in Schleswig-Holstein) and as Student Delegate for SEA-EU (a cooperation within the framework of the European University Programme of the European Union). I still hold these positions today. In 2023, I was elected as the AStA's financial officer, which meant I had responsibility for a new area and had to familiarize myself with it. Due to this, participating in NMUN 2024 would not have been possible due to time constraints. During this time, I remained active in the ISC association. Among other things, I participated with a Kiel delegation in NMUN 2023 in Erfurt, BayernMUN 2024 in Nuremberg and as a staff member and chair at KielMUN 2024. Based on a recommendation, I supported FlensMUN 2024 as chair.

I will also support this year's FlensMUN 2025 as chair again. In July 2024, I was re-elected for a second term as the AStA's financial officer. Accordingly, this finally opened a window of opportunity for me to work in an area in which I am already well-versed and can also adequately manage another time demanding project. I was asked again whether I could participate in the NMUN project and was finally able to accept. Initially, I was asked as a delegate, but then as head delegate, to assist with the organization because, thanks to my many years of MUN experience, I can provide strong support both structurally and in terms of workload.

It's rather unusual for someone with no previous New York experience to lead a delegation to New York as head delegate, but in this case, it was the right decision. Generally, it was a lot of work in the heads team, but it was fun, and receiving the highest award in New York since the Kiel association was founded is all the more pleasing. I'm glad I didn't come to New York in previous years because the workload would have made it impossible.

Being the head delegate for the Kiel delegation to NMUN2025 was perfect because I was able to fulfill all my responsibilities and lead everything successfully. At the same time, I am also happy that the project is complete. In June, KielMUN2025 will take place for the first time in the town hall, which I will lead as Secretary General with the association's board. At the end of July, I want to apply to the Bundesbank to start there in 2026. I am currently studying Norwegian, philosophy, and mathematics and, in addition to my position as financial officer in the AStA, I work as a student assistant in the philosophy library. Volunteering for projects and associations I believe in gives me great joy and fulfillment. At the same time, I am already looking forward to the next chapter of my life and to taking a break from volunteering to focus on building foundational knowledge in central banking as a European state. I will probably then resume volunteering in 2029.

Alexander Krüger

After attending last year's NMUN 2024, I felt the need to further contribute to the project and to ensure its continuation. This is due to the nature of the project, which is reliant on the willingness of participants to volunteer for a Head Delegate position. This commitment is linked to a lot of work regarding organization and mentoring. I wanted to do my part in enabling another group of students to experience this project as I have. The members of our delegation were able to shine in their committees, which filled me with a tremendous amount of joy for having been part of the Head Delegate team which managed to prepare our delegates for this rather demanding conference.

This year's delegation managed to earn multiple awards. In addition to that, we managed to achieve one of the best results in the history of our club's attendance at the NMUN conference. The intense preparation of our delegation and the sense of community among our delegates undoubtedly contributed to the performance displayed by all participants.



We did not just use weekend sessions to prepare the students for their time in New York. Our delegation also attended two conferences in Germany. One in Greifswald, a university with which our club has a long-standing cooperation with, and the other conference being in Nuremberg. These conferences helped the students to practice the skills and concepts they learned in a smaller, more forgiving setting.

Unfortunately, not all students had been preparing to attend the conference in New York due to complications. This is especially saddening due to the fact that these students spent months preparing for the conference in New York together with the rest of our delegation.

Mona Akbari

My name is Mona, I am 26 years old, and I am currently studying law, with my First State Examination scheduled for next year. Beyond my academic pursuits, I am actively engaged in various extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Law Student Union, tutoring freshmen and assisting a blind doctoral student in writing her thesis. Especially in today's often challenging political climate, I strongly believe that participation and engagement regarding both local issues and international affairs are not important but necessary. Growing up, my parents, who had fled Iran as political refugees after the Mullah regime took over the country, always instilled in me the importance of contributing to the community.



My motivation to participate in NMUN stems from my interest in diplomacy and law, both of which are rooted in my interest in making a positive impact on this world. NMUN provides a unique platform to engage with these topics in a hands-on environment, allowing me to apply my legal knowledge in diplomatic negotiations and policymaking. Moreover, I have been able to represent different perspectives, broaden my understanding of international affairs and contribute meaningfully to productive discussions, always striving to work together to constructive resolutions. After all, ideas and good intentions remain just that if they are not brought to fruition.

So far, my experience with NMUN has been incredibly educational. It has helped me develop my public speaking skills while also enhancing my ability to work collaboratively with people from diverse backgrounds. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of NMUN, as my law studies are very theoretical in nature. This experience, on the other hand, has equipped me with practical skills that will be invaluable in my future career in law.

Jonathan Heyer

I am deeply fascinated by grand ideas that transcend fiction and gradually manifest as tangible, lived reality. To me, the United Nations embodies precisely such a bold vision — an audacious attempt to anchor humanity and peacebuilding within the framework of multinational democracy. That is why I hold the United Nations in such high regard. Admittedly, it is far from perfect — neither entirely democratic nor truly egalitarian — yet it remains the only functioning and globally recognised institution striving toward international understanding and the collective confrontation of future crises and uncertainties.



My political awareness was shaped early on through engagement in local politics, student representation, and the inspiring mentorship of a passionate teacher of political science and economics. Although my academic path led me into the natural sciences — I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology — my interest in politics and in the interrelations between states, known as diplomacy, has remained unwavering. So when I was offered the chance to explore diplomacy and its institutions from an entirely new and unexpected angle, I did not hesitate for a moment.

What excites me most is the opportunity to grow beyond perceived boundaries, to speak with greater confidence in unfamiliar situations, and to connect with people whose perspectives challenge and enrich my own.

Nimra Khan

My name is Nimra Khan, and I'm currently 26 years old, studying Political Science and Education in my 5th semester. I'm proud to be the eldest daughter in my family and the first to pursue a higher degree, which has been both a challenge and a huge opportunity. My passion for international relations and international law has shaped my academic path, and I am planning to pursue a Master's degree in these fields after completing my current studies.

Growing up, I've come to realize that getting involved in politics is a privilege, even though it should be a fundamental right for everyone. I've always been intrigued by decision-making and the role leaders play in shaping the future of their respective countries. In particular, I'm interested in understanding how policies are made, what drives those decisions, and how they impact people globally.

Additionally, I strongly believe that women's voices need to be heard in spaces where decisions are made—especially decisions that affect women. As I continue my studies, I'm determined to advocate for greater representation and participation of women in politics, ensuring that their needs and perspectives are part of the conversation. I'm excited for what the future holds, and I hope to contribute meaningfully to the world of politics and international relations.

Getting to participate in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) has been an honor that has further solidified my interest in global politics. The experience has deepened my understanding of international diplomacy, and I hope it will serve as a stepping stone for me to delve further into international politics in the future.

Bendix Küsel

From an early stage in my education, I have been drawn to international exchange and cooperation. My participation in the Erasmus program at my high school was a defining moment, that allowed me to engage with students from different parts of Europe, exchange perspectives, and develop a deeper appreciation for diplomacy and cultural diversity. This experience strengthened my ability to navigate discussions across different viewpoints and reinforced my desire to pursue opportunities that challenge me to think globally.



NMUN represents the next step in this journey. I was eager to take on this challenge because it combines critical thinking, public speaking, and negotiation, skills I have been refining over time. The process of preparing for NMUN has been both demanding and rewarding, requiring in-depth research, strategic analysis, and the ability to present arguments persuasively while seeking consensus. I am particularly excited about working with delegates from around the world, confronting complex global issues, and refining my ability to think and act diplomatically under pressure.

Beyond the academic and professional skills NMUN offers, I see it as an opportunity to grow personally. My ability to analyze situations from multiple perspectives, remain solution-oriented under pressure, and engage with others constructively will be put to the test. I look forward to the experiences and challenges ahead, knowing they will shape me into a more confident and capable individual in the world of international relations.

Alexander Leewe

My name is Alexander, I am 24 years old and I am currently studying Business Informatics in my Master's degree. Besides university, I am actively involved in the DLRG Kiel - the local branch of the German Federation for Rescue Swimmers, where I form part of a rescue squad as well as training a group of aspiring young swimmers. From my engagement in these activities, I have learned, that collaboration on regional, national and international levels is crucial for a working society.



NMUN is my chance to get a glance at a diplomatic career. It is the best opportunity to get first-hand experience on how to find compromises under the most difficult circumstances, something, that is deeply rooted within diplomacy and multilateralism. Being the biggest multilateral organization worldwide, the United Nations Organization is the tool that lets 193 Member States tackle the most pressing global issues and it is hard to imagine a world without it. The National Model United Nations gives a chance to all those that feel the need for international collaboration in times of political stress. I am very grateful for being able to contribute to this idea.

Being part of the Kiel delegation to the NMUN NY has been a rewarding experience so far. Not only did we practice public speaking on numerous occasions, the MUN conferences, that we attended, also enabled us to vastly improve our networking and conversational skills. Starting from the first weekend session, I can see a continuous development towards becoming a capable delegate at NMUN NY. I hope to have an impact at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to represent Ukraine's positions accordingly.

Patrick Okechukwu Nwobodo

Growing up in West Africa, success was a constant aspiration, yet the path to achieving it was filled with formidable challenges. However, during this formative period, I found inspiration in Mr. Kofi Annan who was born within these same challenges. As the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, he became my role model. His grace, composure, and unwavering dedication to his responsibilities deeply resonated with me. His diligence not only fueled my admiration but also ignited my passion for public speaking, self-confidence, and, most importantly, my determination to succeed.



While I earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical engineering and gained three years of experience as a

project engineer, my deep-rooted interest in diplomacy, leadership, and international affairs never waned.

Now completing my master's thesis in Electrical and information engineering, I remain actively engaged in global discussions and leadership initiatives, serving as the Liaison Representative of the corps in my region and the President of Nigerian Scholars in Kiel (NSK). These roles have provided invaluable leadership experiences and offered me opportunities to learn.

My preparation for the NMUN 2025 has further strengthened these abilities. The rigorous process—conducting deep research, assessing global issues, and delivering persuasive speeches—has sharpened my negotiation, teamwork, and critical-thinking skills. Furthermore, collaborating with delegates from diverse backgrounds has enhanced my ability to navigate varying perspectives diplomatically. So far, I am grateful for the friendships I have built, the growth in my leadership abilities, and the opportunity to explore.

Anderson Sasu

'It is better to be a warrior in a garden than a gardener at the time of war.' Inspired by this saying, I have always been a firm believer in the concept of life-long learning even if it doesn't appear immediately relevant. Mathematics and Finance have been my core interest since childhood, yet I am well versed in a lot of other areas. I am currently in the third semester of my Master's program in Mathematical Finance.

In addition to my studies, I swim, play football and the piano. These additional activities have improved my health, strength and enhanced my interpersonal relationships.

My decision to join the NMUN delegation came as a result of overhearing my colleagues speak about the Model United Nations. While I had a general understanding of the U.N., I was unfamiliar with its internal structures and operational processes, which motivated me to explore it further. The NMUN provides a unique opportunity to not only learn about the U.N. but to participate in it as well. By participating, I will hone my speech writing and speech giving skills, improve my confidence and learn more about other people and countries. I'm genuinely excited about what lies ahead and eager to embrace the experience.



Charity Agbeti

My name is Charity Agbeti, I am an international student from Ghana currently pursuing a master's degree in Quantitative Finance. I love to travel, and on every new trip I have learned to appreciate the intrinsic diversity around the world. Sadly, I have also witnessed the disturbing display of concerns in the different regions that I visited. One thing that stood out to me is how these concerns weren't unique, the issues of environmental safety, prosperity, peace etc ran through many of these different regions. This knowledge remained passive to me until the start of my master's study.



My journey toward the world of diplomacy began in the lecture halls of my Quantitative Finance program. As I delved deeper into my studies, I realized the complex interplay between financial systems and global challenges.

This realization fuelled my desire to understand how international dialogue and diplomacy can drive positive change across different regions and the globe at large. I had the opportunity to participate in KielMUN in June 2024, my first diplomatic experience and my enthusiasm for solving global issues grew quickly. Soon after, I applied to be a part of the Kiel delegation attending the upcoming NMUN.

Many months was spent in preparation for the NMUN. Attending weekend training sessions, inter-regional MUN conferences including GreiMUN and BayernMUN. The realisation that I could be making an impact felt empowering. For me, it was more than a simulation. The elaborate research needed to put together position papers, the confidence to deliver speeches, collaborating with fellow delegates in drafting resolutions, persuading fellow delegates to sponsor resolutions they do not ideally support, etc has advanced my public speaking skills, and sharpened my analytical and critical thinking skills amongst other soft skills. My desire to make change in the world has simultaneously effected change and advancement in both my personal and professional life. I am grateful for this experience and the new relationships I made along the way.

Anna Brüns

Over the years, I've come to believe that communication is not just a channel, but a key to solving many of the challenges we face—whether between individuals or on a global level.

My name is Anna Brüns, I am 27 years old and currently in my sixth semester of Psychology. Before that, I completed a degree in International Marketing, where I became particularly interested in how people connect, how messages are interpreted, and how meaning is constructed. Over time, I realized that effective communication relies not only on structure and strategy, but above all on empathy and psychological insight. This led me to pursue psychology, in order to better understand the factors that shape perception, behavior, and dialogue.



I enjoy working in teams and value the range of perspectives that collaboration can offer. Getting to know how others view the world, shaped by their background and experiences is something I genuinely value and learn a lot from. Diplomacy, to me, is exactly about that: holding space for different voices and building bridges through understanding.

Participating in the NMUN 2025 allows me to experience how global dialogue really works—how ideas clash, connect, and eventually come together.

Lara Klein

"The United Nations is our only great hope for a peaceful and free world." - Ralph Bunche

This quote perfectly describes my first impression of the United Nations and my passion for it since the 10th grade. It was in our Politics & Economics class that I first learned about the values of the United Nations and its mission for peace.

Since then, a fire has been burning in my heart to shape the future of international politics and international law. To be part of this one great hope.

Now, five years later, I am studying law with a focus on International and European Law, I regularly attend events on international law and politics, and most importantly, I will be a part of NMUN 2025. A dream for the 16-year-old me. Through this project, I've had the chance



to delve deeper into diplomacy and international politics and gain insights into my dream career. I am more certain than ever that I have chosen the right path, and I intend to contribute my heart and knowledge to this field.

This project has helped me grow, improve my speaking and writing skills and my critical thinking in the field of international politics. I truly believe that it will benefit both my law studies and my career, as I plan to apply for an internship at the United Nations after law school. I believe the NMUN is an amazing opportunity to prepare for this.

Kaja Heins

Although I have always had a general interest in politics, I never found the time to engage with it properly. During my time in school, I spent a period abroad in Taiwan, which significantly shaped my interest in international politics, especially due to the ongoing conflict with mainland China. Now at university I find that participating in the NMUN gives me the chance to learn about international politics in an interesting and challenging way, which motivates me to stay involved and active in the future in international relations and politics.

Currently, I am in my fourth semester of studying medicine at CAU, and participating in Model United Nations was something I pursued as a way to balance the natural sciences of my studies. Taking part in NMUN has taught me how to deliver speeches effectively, write in more formal English, and, most importantly, provided me with the incredible opportunity to visit the United Nations in New York, something I have always dreamed of. Even though I do not plan to work in diplomacy, learning about the UN while improving my English will boost my confidence in studying and working abroad in the future. Additionally, it offers me valuable insights into diplomacy and the role of the UN and lead me too meet some wonderful people along the way.



Cara Spitzer

My name is Cara Victoria Spitzer and I am 20 years old. Born and raised in Austria, I decided to move to Northern Germany to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Socio-economics and to play handball. Although some might argue that Graz and Kiel are only 1192 km apart and that there are few to no cultural differences, I personally benefited from the intercultural exchange and learned to appreciate the importance of politics and international cooperation.

Participating in NMUN 2025 was one of the best decisions of my university life on an academic, personal, professional and emotional level.



On an academic level, it was amazing to get the chance to actually apply the knowledge I had gained at university in a diplomatic setting. On a personal level, it has helped me grow in so many ways. Talking to new people, speaking in front of 300 delegates and daring to try new things are just a few examples. On a professional level, I have not only broadened my skillset but also met like-minded and inspiring people. Thanks to our amazing Head Delegates, we were well prepared and gained vital skills for our professional lives, such as debating, diplomatic conduct and connecting with people.

Last but not least, I benefited immensely on an emotional level as I was forced to step out of my comfort zone and was rewarded with friendships that could last a lifetime and many happy memories.

I am extremely grateful for this experience and for having been part of this delegation.

Henrike Johanna Lohse

At 23 years old, I am currently pursuing a double degree in medicine and psychology, which enables me to approach human health from both physical and mental perspectives. This multidisciplinary approach fuels my passion for helping people in a holistic way, addressing not only their medical needs but also their psychological well-being.

In addition to my studies, I have been actively involved in Scouting for the past 10 years. Through my participation in international events, I have gained invaluable experience in intercultural communication, teamwork, and leadership.



These experiences have shaped my personal growth and provided me with essential skills that complement my academic journey.

The opportunity to participate in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference represents a pivotal step in my development. It is a unique chance to refine my diplomatic and negotiation skills while engaging in global discussions. I believe that the lessons I will learn from NMUN will not only enrich my academic knowledge but will also profoundly shape my approach to future challenges, both in my professional career and in my personal life.

By participating in NMUN, I am eager to grow as a communicator, leader, and problem-solver, and I look forward to bringing the insights I gain into my future work, where I hope to make a positive impact on individuals and communities. This experience will undoubtedly contribute to shaping the person I aspire to be, equipping me with the tools needed to navigate an increasingly interconnected and complex world.

Davies Ajayi

I have always been fascinated by global politics. Not the kind you read about in textbooks, but the real-life version where leaders speak, countries react, sometimes with a nod, sometimes with a raised eyebrow, and somehow the world keeps moving forward. When I joined the NMUN program, after a formal interview that even had me shopping for a suit, I expected serious policy discussions and structured debates. What I didn't expect was how much I would grow just by showing up, listening carefully, and speaking up when it mattered.

Even though I only took part in the weekend sessions and the Greifswald MUN, the experience was deeply rewarding. It helped build my confidence on public stages. Not just by helping me speak louder, but by helping me find my voice and use it with purpose. I began to understand international relations as something alive and ongoing, a negotiation shaped by culture, values, and sometimes, personalities larger than life.

One of the most meaningful parts of the journey was working with people from a wide range of backgrounds, educations, and worldviews. The diversity in the room was striking. At times it was humbling, at other times it was hilarious, especially when a debate about marine biodiversity nearly turned into a courtroom drama, but it was always insightful. I realized that progress is rarely a straight road. It is more like a crowded conversation where 200 voices are speaking at once, and somehow, through all the noise, something valuable begins to emerge.

I also learned a great deal about the United Nations, its goals, its structure, and the real impact it can have in the world. Beyond the procedures and policies, I came to appreciate the heart of diplomacy. I learned how to hold my ground in a discussion, how to truly listen to others, and how to return each day ready to engage again with the same respect and focus.

So here I am. More confident. More globally aware. And honestly proud that I gave a full speech on ocean sustainability and meant every word of it.

Alexandra Schröder

My name is Alexandra and I am 21 years old. I grew up in a small village in a family that was both open-minded and politically engaged, which naturally shaped my perspective and made political discussions a fundamental part of my life. From an early age, I felt the need to be actively involved in my community, which led me to take on various voluntary roles. I started to study agriculture because I believe that this field, in its theory and practice, will be of great importance for our climate change crises. During my time at university, I became a member of the student parliament, the legal committee of the student parliament, the StuWe committee and the Green University Party, where I was responsible for finance and now head of the parliamentary group and later got involved in organizing events at the university cinema. In MUN I already participated in KielMUN, GreifMUN and BayernMUN.



Beyond academics, I have always been interested in gaining practical experience and broadening my world view. My travels have taken me to different parts of the world, where I have explored different fields - from working in agriculture in Canada to learning about winemaking in Southern Germany and France. These experiences have deepened my appreciation for the intersection of tradition, innovation and sustainability.

One of my greatest passions is international relations. At school, I was an active member of a Model United Nations (MUN) club, which I loved. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted this journey and I was never able to really experience debate conferences. However, when the opportunity arose again at university, I did not hesitate to take it.

I strongly believe in the importance of bridging theory and practice. To truly tackle global challenges, we need to change our perspectives and embrace new ways of thinking. This mindset drives me in both my academic and extracurricular pursuits, and I am always looking for opportunities to engage, learn and contribute in a meaningful way.

Anna Gut

Since school I have maintained a long-standing interest in equality and the sense of right. This shaped my academic and professional path to the way it is now. After finishing school my focus was clear. I decided to study law to have a better understanding of the legal frameworks to promote fairness in my daily life as well as in my professional work. During my studies I spent two years abroad at the Universitat de Barcelona, where my educational focus was on European law, international company law and international organizations, where I became particularly interested in the United Nations and its role within the global system. Through my year abroad, I became fluent in Spanish. Directly the month after I successfully completed my internship in the federal ministry of finance of Germany of finance in Berlin which was focusing on International Companies and their transactions, which influenced my economic knowledge in the field of international work.



Right now, I am 21 years old and currently in my seventh semester of law at the Christian-Albrechts Universität zu Kiel. My background and my experience led me to specialize in international private law where I just finished my thesis with the specific topic of the War in Ukraine and the compensation for war losses.

Joining NMUN in April 2025 is a perfect extension of these interests, allowing me to get even a deeper insight in the global issues and the collaboration with others. Through this I was also able to deepen my public speaking, my ability to negotiate and the understanding of how diplomacy is working.

Leyal Choueib

"I can always choose, but I ought to know that if I do not choose, I am still choosing." – Jean-Paul Sartre

This quote has always resonated with me, shaping my approach to life and decision-making. At the age of 15, I chose to spend a school year in Beirut, Lebanon. However, due to unforeseen circumstances—Covid-19, a revolution, and the devastating port explosion—I ended up staying for two years. This experience profoundly impacted me, exposing me to the critical role of diplomats and the immense efforts of the German government in supporting its citizens abroad.

Inspired by this, I delved deeper into the field of diplomacy, developing a clear plan to pursue a career as a diplomat. Currently, I am 20 years old and in my third semester of law studies, actively engaged in the NMUN Project, and preparing for an exchange year in my fifth



semester. Following that, I will specialize in International and European Law at Christian-Albrecht University.

The opportunity to attend the United Nations in April 2025 and participate in the world's largest Model United Nations conference will further expand my understanding of diplomatic engagement, enhance my negotiation skills, and strengthen my ability to represent diverse perspectives on a global stage. This experience is another crucial step toward my goal of contributing to international cooperation and diplomacy.

Per Petersen

My passion for international affairs stems from my unique German-Scandinavian upbringing, which instilled in me a natural appreciation for cross-cultural cooperation. Growing up between these two distinct European traditions has shaped my worldview and fueled my interest in how nations interact on the global stage.

This background has guided my academic focus toward global politics and finance, areas I find fascinating for their far-reaching impact on international relations. Beyond my studies, I've sought practical engagement through various leadership roles.

Currently, I volunteer with the Erasmus Student Network, helping international students navigate cultural transitions while fostering meaningful exchanges. I also serve on my dormitory's student council, where I advocate for diverse student needs and organize community-building initiatives.

The National Model United Nations represents an exceptional opportunity for both my personal growth and professional development. I see it as a chance to translate my theoretical knowledge into practical diplomatic skills, network with like-minded individuals from around the world, and gain firsthand experience in the art of international negotiation and consensus-building.

This experience aligns perfectly with my long-term ambition to contribute meaningfully to international affairs, particularly in global politics and financial systems. I believe my multicultural perspective offers valuable insights that can help address complex challenges in our increasingly interconnected world.



Phillipp Ott

I am currently a sixth-semester law student deeply committed to understanding the complexities of international law and global governance.

Attending the National Model United Nations (NMUN) 2025 represents a unique opportunity for me to bridge theoretical legal studies with practical diplomacy and international relations. NMUN's immersive simulation allows me to apply my legal knowledge in a dynamic setting, enhancing skills essential for my future career, such as negotiation, public speaking, collaboration, and policy analysis. Participating in this program aligns with my aspiration to contribute meaningfully to global issues, particularly in advancing peace, justice, and sustainable development, which are central themes of the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals.



This experience not only enriches my academic journey but also empowers me to rise as a responsible global citizen and future legal professional engaged in international affairs.

Emmy-Li Urban

Being a highly sensitive and simultaneously very emphatic person, human suffering, whether it is caused by war, hunger, or natural catastrophes, has always affected me deeply. As a child, I felt like I couldn't make an impact or change anything about the situations these people were in. When I started my academic studies in *nutritional science and home economics* at the University of Kiel, I learned a lot about the food system and security in developing countries, and I realized I can make a difference, and my actions are helpful.

Nevertheless, politics was always kind of daunting for me, and since not coming from a course of studies with political education, the possibility of becoming a delegate at the *National Model United Nations (NMUN)* conference in New York City was very out of my comfort zone. But I knew it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and my chance to actively take part in shaping the future for my and all upcoming generations.



I look forward to *NMUN*, because I want to become more confident in myself and international politics. Moreover, I am interested in learning skills like giving speeches, writing papers, and having diplomatic discussions. So far, the knowledge and insights I have gained have also influenced me in my academic path. Currently, I am in my last semester of my bachelor's degree and planning on writing my thesis about land grabbing in African developing countries and political solutions that are necessary to protect rural populations.

Daily Reports

Weekend 1 (26.-27.10.2024)

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On October 26, the inaugural official session of our National Model United Nations (NMUN) project commenced, heralding the commencement of our collective preparation. The meeting was marked by an exceptionally high level of motivation among the delegates, many of whom expressed a keen interest in engaging with the structures and challenges inherent in international diplomacy. To foster a sense of cohesion and trust within the group, the session commenced with a series of team-building activities. These facilitated delegates' introductions, shared academic interests, and reflections on the factors that draw them to the work of the United Nations and the NMUN experience.

Subsequently, the group engaged in a comprehensive discussion regarding the United Nations as an institution. We addressed its historical underpinnings, particularly its establishment in the aftermath of World War II and its evolving role in the international order. Delegates examined both structural strengths—such as its capacity for multilateral coordination—and persistent weaknesses, including issues of representational disparity and enforcement limitations within the Security Council. These reflections were interwoven with broader considerations of legitimacy, agency, and global governance.

The session also incorporated a knowledge-based component in which the current level of familiarity with United Nations procedures and bodies was informally assessed. This facilitated a clearer understanding of the areas of focus for future meetings, ensuring a shared knowledge base moving forward. Overall, the session successfully amalgamated team formation with foundational content, establishing a robust foundation for the delegation's further development.

We started the day with getting to know each other a little better. After this, we head delegates went over the rules of procedure (RoP) with our delegates. This took approximately one hour to complete. After explaining the RoP to the delegates, we had a little break. Next up were some matters relating to organization. We assigned the countries to the delegates for the planned internal MUN simulation. It was also revealed which committee the delegates would be simulating. The committee in question was the PBC (Peacebuilding Commission). We also stated the need to assign a person to each day of our preparation and conference in order to have something to show to the sponsors, which support our project. This point of the agenda took close to half an hour after which the delegates had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the matters brought up during the prior segment.

Next up was an introduction into how speeches are to be prepared, written and delivered. This part included an opening speech followed by some important aspects: to be well prepared and to not use artificial intelligence. These are important to guarantee the quality of a speech. After that we presented an example of a good speech and an example of a speech that should be avoided. This topic was followed by a quick break.

Now, the delegates had to practice giving speeches in front of their fellow delegates. This exercise was succeeded by an introduction into working papers. This was one of the most important aspects of that day since it was the thing most delegates had not come into contact with prior.

Weekend 2 (09-10.11.2024)

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On the 9th of November, the delegation of the University of Kiel met at 10 am to start the first session of the Internal MUN. The goal was to apply the knowledge we gained from the previous weekend's session and to simulate a MUN in a familiar environment. After taking care of organisational issues, we started with a warm-up quiz on the Rules of Procedure and the Position Paper of the MUN. Then a very experienced member, who also chaired the General Assembly in New York, shared his valuable experience with the new delegates. After that, we went right into the formal session of our intern MUN. We simulated the Peacebuilding Committee (PBC). Each delegate represented a different country, and the delegation leaders represented the Dais. First, we did the roll call. Then each delegate gave an opening speech. Then the formal session was suspended for an informal session to discuss agenda setting. Consequently, when the formal session resumed, the agenda was set. The majority decided to discuss the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel. The formal session proceeded and the delegation tried to gain allies for the working papers. After lunch, the informal session focused on drafting the working papers. At the end of the day, the delegates were divided into three groups, each of which was able to submit a first draft of a working paper. The groups focused on climate issues, education and economic growth. After the papers were submitted at 4 pm, the session was adjourned until 10 am the next day.

It was precious to gain first practical experience with the procedures of MUN and practice our speaking skills. In this internal setting, we were able to make mistakes and learn from them in a safe environment.

On Sunday, the 10th of November 2024, the InternMUN commenced with another formal session. The delegation's seats had been mixed up from the previous day, such that the front row seats could be taken by others and the team kept on socializing dynamically.

This first formal session of the day went on with several passionate speeches given, most of them directed at the working group "Momo" consisting of the delegations of China, Russia, Italy, Qatar and others. Contrary to the other groups, "Momo" encouraged the member states to see humanitarian aid as investments generating revenue. This way, they tried to increase spendings directed at the Sahel region. When the meeting was suspended by motion for the first time of the day, the working groups met with a head delegate each to discuss their working papers. Then, the highly motivated delegates carried on correcting their working papers until the next formal session started. Although better than on Saturday, the speakers list was occasionally at risk of running out.

To prevent this from happening, some countries acquired more speaking time than others. Additionally, many delegations were safeguarding the principles of Decorum, the diplomatic conduct during formal sessions. Especially the delegations of India and France did not get tired to bring in the motion "Point of Order". This motion can be used to draw the chair's attention on specific misconduct of another delegate. This includes using personal pronouns in speeches and using electronic devices at the working desk, among others.

The speeches during these following formal sessions mainly revolved around criticizing other working papers. Despite the ideas of the working group “Momo”, the working group “Aang” around the delegations of India, France, Nepal, Bangladesh and others was criticized for focusing too much on women and not enough on improving the overall situation. Their idea was the empowerment of women and the young workforce through micro-loans as there had been achieved huge successes with this model in Bangladesh.

At the end of the day, another draft of the working papers could be handed in to be corrected until the next meeting 2 weeks later.

Weekend 3 (23-24.11.2024)

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On the 23rd of November, the delegation from the University of Kiel convened at 10 a.m. to commence the third session of the Internal MUN. In this internal session the discussion of the topic: Integrated Strategy for the Sahel Region continued in the Peacebuilding Committee (PBC).

At the outset of the session, a country that had been absent during the previous sessions was obliged to undertake the roll call. Subsequently, several delegations delivered speeches with the objective of securing signatures for their respective working drafts. After this an informal session was required, lasting 60 minutes, voted by the majority. During these 60 minutes the working proceeded with their deliberations on the working papers. Additionally, the heads provided feedback within this informal session on our speeches and on our overall experience with the MUN process during the informal sessions and formal sessions.

Following the initial informal session numerous delegations proceeded to present their views in the form of speeches, which proved to be a fruitful avenue for discussions. In this session a delegate from the previous year's delegations also participated, delivering two speeches.

Subsequently, the formal session was suspended to allow for an informal session to take place. In this session our heads provided us with feedback on how to enhance our working papers. Prior to the recess, the meeting resumed with additional speeches, which prompted further deliberations. At 3.20 p.m. the deadline for the submission of the working papers was reached. Subsequently the sessions were adjourned until 10 a.m. on November 24th.

Prior to the conclusion of the session, our heads delivered a presentation about amendments, which proved invaluable in our preparations for the session scheduled for the 24th of November.

The session held on the 23rd of November proved beneficial in enabling us to consolidate our abilities to navigate both formal and informal settings. The MUN provides an invaluable opportunity for delegates to enhance their abilities in a range of skills, including public speaking and informal negotiation, while also expanding their understanding of the nuances of diplomatic discourse.

The 24th of November was to be the fourth and last day of the internal simulation of the procedures and peculiarities based on the topic 'Integrated Strategy for the Sahel Region' in the Peacebuilding Committee of the MUN. The previous tireless work not only of the upcoming delegates of Kiel University's delegation in New York, but also the administrative and technical efforts of the head delegates were to bear fruit on this last day.

No other session built more on the successes and developed working papers, as well as the knowledge that had seeped in and been internalised, than this Sunday. Right at the beginning of the formal session, which started punctually at 10 a.m., the representatives of the member states were informed of the most important deadline. According to the head delegates, the working papers, which had now been finalised for drafting, were to be submitted to the chair of

the meeting at 12.30 pm. Now, however, in addition to a first role call, which confronted the delegates with the choice of a presumably energetic and determined, or so far undecided, well-calculated decision regarding the later support or rejection of the drafts, there was time and space for the first verbal battles of the day.

It quickly became apparent that not only rhetorical skill, but also confidence in public speaking, had improved in comparison to initial attempts. It should also be noted that a familiarity with the rules of public speaking emerged, which enabled the speakers to focus less on structure and more on content. As no working group had yet produced a working paper ready for drafting, a one-hour informal meeting was scheduled by the delegates.

It is positive to note that the working groups, without exception and with great commitment, not only knew how to implement constructive criticism regarding their working papers to the satisfaction of the head delegates, but were also able to negotiate diplomatic compromises so that all three groups completed a presentable result in a draft. After a well-deserved break to promote a sense of community, the delegates had to experience first-hand what amendment pressure is all about. This refers to the brief phase in which an existing completed draft can be, and in our case was, influenced to an unexpectedly far-reaching extent from outside. Within a very short space of time, several interest groups came together, some of which had diametrically opposed convictions and wanted to leave a lasting personal fingerprint.

Now that the voting process and a presentation by the head delegates are behind us, it can be said that the delegates are as well prepared as possible for the peculiarities of this final stage of every MUN and have internalised the possibilities of exerting influence. Once the list of speakers had been finalised, the voting on the drafts began by default. During the vote, we had the opportunity to put what we had just learnt into practice, which led to two amendments and drafts being accepted and one draft and amendment being rejected.

In addition to a successful and instructive conclusion to the internal MUN, this session gave the delegates the opportunity to brush up on the practical application of the Rules of Procedure, to get through the amendment pressures and to gain their first impressions of a voting procedure.

The delegation from Kiel University is looking forward to the GreiMUN in Greifswald with excitement and well prepared.

Weekend 4 – GreiMUN (13.-15.12.2024)

University of Greifswald

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On the 13th of December 2024 the delegates and the heads met at 10 am in the parking lot of the University of Kiel. Three university cars drove about three hours to Greifswald in order to attend the GreiMUN, a long lasting MUN partnership experience between Kiel and Greifswald. At about 2pm the delegates arrived in Greifswald and almost immediately moved into the hotel rooms, to have enough time to get ready for the conference. At about 3.30pm the cars were leaving to the University of Greifswald. The conference in Greifswald started at 4pm. This year the reconstructed committee was the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA). The topics before the UNEA were the Strengthening Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 and Addressing Climate-Fragility Risks. At the beginning of the conference the mayor of Greifswald Stefan Fassbinder as well as the prorector Ms. Hartmann held speeches about the overall topic of environmental issues and why they are of paramount importance.

After the greeting ceremony the conference started with a motion from the delegation of the Seychelles (a delegate from Kiel) for a minute of silent prayer. A delegate may move for a minute of silent prayer before the roll call. Only one minute of silent prayer will be accepted. Afterwards, the roll call was performed. A roll call will take place at least at the very beginning of each day of the conference and likewise before going into voting procedure. The roll call vote is taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the Member States present. Each delegation is called and states if it is “present” or “present and voting”. Delegations having declared themselves as “present” have the right to refrain from substantive votes by abstention. Those ones having declared themselves as “present and voting” cannot refrain in this manner.

After the roll call, every delegate gave an opening speech. Opening speeches summarize the position of a Member State and are easy to prepare, even in exact wording, since those speeches are to be given at the very beginning of a formal session. Such a speech can describe the current situation, summarize past events, refer to resolutions, white papers or treaties, suggest solutions to a problem and indicate a country's willingness to negotiate on specific points.

Followed by the opening speeches, the first order of business for the committee was the adoption of the agenda. The agenda setting is important, because due to time shortage usually only one topic is discussed, so every delegate tries to convince as many Member States as possible to vote for their prioritized topic.

After all agenda setting motions were collected, a provisional speakers list was established with delegations giving their agenda speeches, speaking in favor or against each motion. Speaking time for these remarks was at one minute. After a lot of speeches, the Chair suggested a motion to suspend the meeting in order to discuss the agenda setting amongst the Member States.

Ensuing, the Chair suggested a vote upon the agenda setting. With a simple majority the agenda was set the following way: 1st Strengthening Action to Achieve SDG 14, 2nd Addressing Climate-Fragility Risks. Subsequently, a new speakers list was opened for speeches regarding the 1st agenda topic. Many Member States were able to present their views and goals and also a lot of notes were passed around, highlighting wishes for cooperation or the upcoming creation of a working group with similar interests.

In this context, the formal session was replaced with the motion for suspension of the meeting for 60 minutes in order to form working groups. During the informal session a total of five working groups were formed. Working groups contain Member States which are natural allies with similar interests, like neighboring countries. After every Member State joined a working group and the informal session came to an end, there were a few more speeches about already set focuses and interests, followed by a motion to suspend the meeting until the next day at 9am. With a simple majority this motion passed and the first day of the conference ended at about 8pm.

In the following two hours, the delegates and heads from both universities came together, played games and got to know each other better, since the GreiMUN is not only a preparation for the NMUN, but also a team building experience to create the best possible cohesion within and between delegations.

Saturday, December 14, was the big meeting day in Greifswald. Except a few breaks, the delegates discussed international issues continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The theme chosen on the first day was "Strengthening Action to Achieve SDG 14". The delegates from the various countries met in working groups to gather ways and suggestions on how this goal can be achieved. The Head Delegates worked with the staff team. On this day, there were three hand-in sessions of working papers, which were then corrected by the staff and returned with feedback. The work on the corrections was very time-consuming. At the same time, it was a positive experience to work with the Greifswald students and strengthen the connection between the two MUN associations. During the lunch break, small groups ate together with the Greifswald students and were able to exchange experiences about the local MUN work and studies.

Due to the rigorous, focused preparation in Kiel, they were very concerned about adhering to the rules. It became apparent that they were somewhat overconfident with the rules and too keen on adhering to them. Local MUN conferences tend to deviate slightly in their implementation of detailed regulations. There are MUN conferences where drinking is not permitted in formal sessions, water bottles are not allowed on the table, and electronic devices are to be used only in informal sessions. At other MUN conferences, many of these things are permitted. This was discussed in the Kiel delegation's team meetings, and the classroom metaphor was developed to explain it. The classroom metaphor states that the first priority in school lessons is to confidently master the subject matter and adhere to the rules. In the second step, however, this knowledge and adherence are of no help if the teacher deviates from them or has a different interpretation. The goal in the classroom is to know and master the rules, but

at the same time to be able to deviate from them as directed by the teacher. There's no point in long, repeated discussions with the teacher. It's more beneficial to approach the teacher in a supportive rather than critical manner. When in doubt, the teacher is right. This experience was not easy, but it was a meaningful and empowering one for the Kiel delegates, helping them further improve their diplomatic skills.

Now in the report of December 14, 2024, it is of course not yet that time, but it will become clear at the BayernMUN and later at the NMUN that the Kiel delegates have become fully capable and competent diplomats through these learnings, who are extremely valued and recognized by their environment.

The 15th of December marked the final day of the annual Greifswald Model United Nations (GreifsMUN) conference. This three-day simulation of the United Nations brought together passionate delegates from the University of Kiel and the University of Greifswald, who served in the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) to deliberate on the selected agenda topic:

“Strengthening Action to Achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: Life Below Water.”

The day began early. At 8:00 a.m., the delegation from Kiel checked out of the VCH Hotel and convened in the lobby fifteen minutes later for a final team briefing. From there, they made their way to the historic main building of the University of Greifswald, located at Domstraße 11. This iconic venue houses the university's Aula, a Baroque-style auditorium with a seating capacity of 200. At 9:00 a.m., roll call commenced with delegates declaring either “present” or “present and voting,” marking the formal start of the final session.

The day’s proceedings were punctuated with intermittent breaks, group photo sessions, and rounds of powerful sixty-second speeches delivered by Member States. These speeches showcased a blend of concrete solution proposals, national pride in environmental strides, sharp criticisms, and rebuttals—all couched in diplomatic language. Notably, repeated attempts by the delegation of Panama to initiate a moderated caucus did not gain sufficient support.

As debate intensified, working groups—collections of delegates aligned by shared interests—were granted time to finalize their working papers, make last-minute edits, and gather additional sponsors. Given the significance of the final day, discussions within each group were both passionate and strategic. Delegates engaged in high-stakes negotiations, reevaluating the feasibility, originality, and economic viability of each operative clause. Provisions were scrutinized in terms of funding potential, alignment with international frameworks, and relevance to local economic realities.

The closing session featured the reading of each completed working paper by the Chair, followed by formal voting. All draft resolutions were adopted by a simple majority, reflecting broad, if not unanimous, support across the assembly.

The conference drew to a resounding conclusion with remarks from the heads of the GreifsMUN organizing team, who commended the delegates for their diplomacy, engagement, and creative policymaking. As the closing ceremony wrapped up, delegates gathered for farewell photos and exchanged contact details—a hallmark of MUN networking.

By approximately 8:00 p.m., the Kiel delegation boarded their bus and began their journey home, closing the curtain on yet another successful edition of GreifsMUN.

Weekend 5 (12.01.2025)

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On January 12th, the Kiel Delegation began the day with team-building exercises, providing a lighthearted and engaging way to further strengthen the strong bonds we have developed over the past few months. The remainder of the morning was dedicated to refining our improvisation and public speaking skills. To achieve this, we delivered impromptu speeches on randomly assigned topics. Additionally, we practiced incorporating specific stylistic and argumentative techniques into our speeches and discussions.

Following the lunch break, Jesse, the President of the ISC, visited our session and guided us through the process of revising a draft resolution by identifying and correcting critical errors through amendments. Submitting the appropriate amendment can transform a resolution from one that is unacceptable to the country we represent into one that is worthy of support. Thus, the ability to craft well-written amendments is essential for excelling in NMUN. Furthermore, we practiced annexing a draft resolution. Annexing a section of a draft resolution allows specific occasional clauses or preamps to be either emphasized or removed, both of which are significant modifications that require precision and coordination. If done incorrectly, a delegate may inadvertently highlight content they intended to remove or vice versa.

In conclusion, the day was filled with engaging and practical exercises that significantly enhanced our ability to deliver confident, impromptu speeches and draft persuasive amendments to refine a resolution. Therefore, it was another goal orientated day preparing us for the successful participation in the NMUN.

Weekend 6 (25-26.01.2025)

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On January 25, 2025, the Kiel Delegation gathered for one of its final preparatory sessions ahead of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York and BayernMUN. The meeting focused on finalizing logistical arrangements, enhancing diplomatic and public speaking skills, and fostering team cohesion.

To strengthen the sense of unity within the delegation, a team-building exercise, *Magic Chair*, was played, with Delegate Cara Springs emerging as the winner. Following this, the delegation attended an insightful presentation on speaking and listening skills, designed to refine public speaking abilities and diplomatic communication techniques, ensuring that all participants are well-prepared for the challenges of high-level debates and negotiations in New York.

In preparation for NMUN, important logistical matters were discussed, including a detailed explanation of the New York schedule to familiarize all delegates with planned activities, committee sessions, and key events. Additionally, BayernMUN travel logistics were addressed, with a focus on organizing train arrangements, scheduling, and managing costs to ensure a smooth and efficient journey.

The session was further enriched by a speech from Jesse Kramer, Head Delegate of the Kiel Delegation 2024, who shared valuable insights from his past NMUN experience, offering guidance on committee dynamics and strategies for effective participation. This was followed by speeches from the Head Delegates of 2025, reinforcing the delegation's strategic objectives and expectations.

As part of the final preparations, official individual and committee photographs were taken to document the delegation's journey. Additionally, internal discussions with the Head Delegates ensured that all members were well-informed about practical matters such as maintaining connectivity in New York, including access to WiFi, and navigating the city safely to prevent logistical challenges.

Since this was the penultimate session before departure to Bayern in February/March 2025, the Kiel Delegation successfully addressed key preparatory aspects necessary for a productive and impactful participation at NMUN and BayernMUN. The structured approach to training, logistics, and team cohesion ensures that the delegation is well-equipped to represent Kiel on an international stage.

At the end of the day, the delegation engaged in discussions and promotional efforts for upcoming conferences, including KielMUN and LiMUN, to encourage participation and further strengthen diplomatic engagement. With all preparations successfully concluded, the session ended on a high note as the delegates bid farewell, looking forward to their upcoming challenges and opportunities at NMUN and BayernMUN.

On January 26, 2025, the Kiel Delegation convened for another essential preparatory session ahead of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in New York. This session focused on team bonding, refining conference preparations, and solidifying logistical arrangements for the upcoming trip.

The session kicked off with an ice-breaking exercise where delegates participated in a fun and engaging game. The game asked each delegate to share what three items they would bring with them to a deserted island. This led to a light-hearted discussion about survival essentials and gave delegates a chance to relax and get to know each other better.

Following the game, the group engaged in a discussion about what delegates hoped to do in New York besides the conference. Common answers included sightseeing, enjoying a classic New York bagel, visiting the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), hitting up a karaoke bar, and attending a basketball game. These shared interests helped to create a sense of excitement and anticipation about the trip to New York.

The Heads had planned a delightful surprise for the group. Delegates were given the opportunity to choose design options for their corner cards. They could select from several options, such as attaching a QR code for either their position paper, the ISC EV Instagram account, or a working group sheet they would prepare ahead of the conference. The deadline for submitting the final designs was set for 2nd February. In addition, the delegates created Gmail accounts specifically for their NMUN committees. This step helped streamline communication and ensure that all delegates would be properly connected for future preparations and committee updates.

As the evening progressed, the Heads introduced a detailed NYC Survival Guide, which covered essential information for navigating the city. Topics included how to use OMNY (the city's contactless fare payment system), the best mobile data options (such as the Yesim app, which offers 15 days of mobile data for 13.50 euros), and tips for getting around the city efficiently.

One of the more lighthearted moments of the session was when the delegates filled out a "Mostly Likely To" form. The fun group exercise featured questions like, "Which delegate is most likely to miss their flight?" The answers provided plenty of laughs and a chance to bond over some humorous predictions.

The majority of the session was dedicated to intense discussions and revisions of the delegates' position papers. The Heads provided valuable feedback on individual papers, helping the delegates refine their arguments and positions in preparation for the upcoming conference.

As the session concluded, everyone felt more prepared and connected, with clear next steps and deadlines set for the coming days. The Kiel Delegation left the session looking forward to the upcoming challenges and opportunities at NMUN, ready to make a strong impression on the international stage.

Weekend 7 – BayernMUN (28.02.2025-02.03.2025)

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After so many preparations, the day finally came. It was Friday, the 28th day of February 2025—the day BayernMUN was scheduled to kick off. The day started with the Kiel delegation gathering at the conference location: DJH Jugendherberge Nürnberg (Burg 2, 90403 Nürnberg) at 10:00 a.m., after a short briefing by the Kiel delegation heads. There were sixteen (16) delegates from Kiel, and they represented the following countries: North Korea, Marshall Islands, Romania, Singapore, Qatar, Mexico, Portugal, United Arab Emirates, and Tuvalu.

Shortly after settling down in the magnificent conference hall, the BayernMUN program was duly introduced, and the rules of procedure for the conference were read aloud to all the delegates. This session was intriguing, as some of the rules of procedure of BayernMUN weren't exactly the same as those of KielMUN, GreiMUN, or our internal sessions. After these announcements came the opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony was both entertaining and informative. It started at 2:15 p.m. and lasted for about 30 minutes. It prepared the minds of the various delegates who had traveled long distances across the width and breadth of Germany to the city of Bayern for the conference. During the ceremony, the opening speech was delivered by Eric Beissweger, the State Minister of Bavaria.

After the opening ceremony, there was a 45-minute panel discussion on multilateral and bilateral relationships among nations. The panelists were Alisa Vogt, Martin Kobler, Dr. Ekkhard Griep, and Nico Lange. These panelists were experts in their respective fields of endeavor, and they properly answered all panel questions as well as questions from the audience—the delegates. One of the highlights was when they shared their various opinions on the exit of the USA from the World Health Organization, the Paris Agreement, and others, following the new administration's executive orders. The panel discussion ended at about 4:00 p.m.

After the panel, the first committee session started immediately, where all delegates read their various first speeches. This was followed by a one-hour dinner break, after which the second session kicked off with various speeches, points of order, and more. The evening session ended at 9:00 p.m., with everyone exhausted and in need of sleep. However, to wrap up the day, there was another short briefing by the heads, which started at about 9:15 p.m. and ended by 10:00 p.m. It was indeed a well-spent day for the Kiel delegation at Bayern.

On the 1st of March, the delegation from the University of Kiel convened at 9 a.m. for the second day of the BayernMUN with the topic before the UN General Assembly Supporting the Involvement of Women in Governance and Decision-Making.

The session started again with speeches of the different Nations presenting their ideas and solutions to overcome the specific topic of inequality. Still some Nations hold their opening speeches because so far, they did not have the opportunity to hold it beforehand due to the number of Nations. These Nations got concrete in their interest, the achievements of their Nations that have been made and were not that broad anymore. Nevertheless, this day was overshadowed by the importance of the working papers that had to be created.

For the creation, Nations that had already discussed possible corporations came together and exchanged their basic concepts and tried to find a consensus to start creating working papers. Working Papers are the first step of a resolution. After a few corrections it gets a drafted resolution and after the voting procedure, where every Nation presents its vote for the working paper, it gets a fully accepted resolution by the UN General Assembly. Mostly, the first working paper for the correction is very broad and general. In this first step it just represents all the ideas of the Nations and their wishes which needs quite a time.

At 12 am we had to finish the first hand-in and got it quickly back after the break and a few more speeches. The suspension of the meeting was the informal session happened, and the working paper were written, was normally between 1-2 hours. After the correction of the staff members the Nations had to correct their mistakes and had to rearrange some things. After the correction, all working paper had to develop more concrete. Questions like: who is leading and managing it, an already existing committee or imitative, when should the aim be reached and how could it be funded? After the first correction several groups merched with similar ideas after realizing they could benefit with an exchange and the creation of a stronger Working Paper. With the progress and a good basis of the working paper it was presented to other Nations to find signatories, being basically the supporter of the resolution and who shared similar ideas but introduced their ideas in other working papers. The sponsors of the working paper are the writer of the working paper.

Over the day with the progress of the working paper the speeches change too to create more attractiveness for their own Working Paper and ideas. The main aim of these speeches was to generate more signatories and with that more support for the working paper. At the end of the day the last correction was handed in. Subsequently the sessions were adjourned until 9 a.m. on March 3rdth. After the conference all delegates from our delegation came together to summarize the feedback of today. Most delegates seemed delighted by the great experience and got more of the view of similar international conferences but shared constructive criticism too.

The conference day began with a brief formal session, during which final organizational points were addressed and the agenda was confirmed. This was followed by two informal sessions, during which delegates worked intensively in their working groups to finalize their workingpaper. The goal was to submit all workingpapers before the noon deadline – a goal that was successfully achieved thanks to focused collaboration and productive dialogue.

After a well-deserved lunch break, the program resumed at 1 p.m. A few delegates took the floor to deliver short speeches, highlighting their country's positions once more.

This was followed by the amendment phase, during which proposed changes to the draft resolutions were discussed and submitted. Once that deadline passed, delegates had time to review and analyze the draft resolutions submitted by other working groups.

The highlight of the afternoon was the voting session on the draft resolutions. Several amendments sparked vivid debate, showcasing the delegates' commitment and negotiation skills. In the end, two out of five draft resolutions were adopted, a testament to the delegates' critical engagement and diplomatic precision.

To conclude the day, the participants enjoyed a thought-provoking lecture by Professor Bielefeld, followed by a passionate speech from the chairwoman of the SPD parliamentary group in the city council of Nuremberg. The conference ended on a celebratory note with an award ceremony and heartfelt closing remarks from the organizers, after which delegates headed home.

Weekend 8 – NMUN (04.04.2025-12.04.2025)

Hilton Midtown

New York City

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On the first day of our NMUN 2025 journey, our delegation arrived in New York City, filled with anticipation for the experiences ahead. After a smooth transfer from our previous Hotel (a few of us stayed at before the conference), we checked into the Hilton Hotel, which serves not only as our accommodation but also as the main venue for the National Model United Nations conference. The Hilton's central location and its international atmosphere immediately set the tone for the days to come, as we were surrounded by fellow participants from all over the world.

Once settled, our group made its way to one of the most iconic landmarks in international diplomacy: the United Nations Headquarters. The visit to the UN Headquarters was a highlight for many of us, providing a tangible connection to the work and ideals we would be simulating during the conference. We participated in a guided tour that took us through several key areas of the building, including the General Assembly Hall and the Security Council Chamber. Our guide offered valuable insights into the daily operations of the United Nations, the history of the organization, and its ongoing efforts to promote peace, security, and human rights worldwide.

During the tour, we had the unique opportunity to observe the impressive array of flags representing all member states, symbolizing the diversity and unity that the UN strives to foster. We learned about the important role of diplomacy and negotiation in addressing global challenges, and many of us felt inspired by the stories of international cooperation and progress that have taken place within these walls.

After the tour, we visited the UN Souvenir Shop, where we browsed a variety of items reflecting the mission and values of the United Nations. Many of us purchased souvenirs such as pins, notebooks, and books to remember this special experience and to share a piece of it with friends and family back home.

The remainder of the day was dedicated to exploring New York City. With some well-earned free time, our delegation split into small groups to discover the city's vibrant neighborhoods, famous landmarks, and diverse culinary offerings. Whether it was a stroll through Central Park, a visit to Times Square, or sampling local cuisine in Midtown, this time allowed us to bond as a team and gain a deeper appreciation for the city that hosts the United Nations.

This first day set the stage for an enriching and memorable NMUN experience. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, whose generous support made this journey possible. Your contribution not only enabled us to participate in a world-class educational event but also allowed us to immerse ourselves in the heart of international diplomacy and culture. Thank you for investing in our development as future leaders and global citizens.

On April 5, 2025, the Kiel Delegation had a day off in New York City — just one day before the official start of the National Model United Nations conference. Staying at the centrally

located Hilton Midtown, the team used the time to relax, explore the city, and make final preparations for the days ahead.

Many delegates took advantage of the hotel's prime location to visit the nearby Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), while others enjoyed a walk through Central Park or took time to get to know the city a bit better. It was a chance to slow down, take in the atmosphere, and mentally prepare for the intense schedule that awaited.

Importantly, each committee team used the day to work on their opening speeches. These speeches, delivered at the beginning of the conference, are crucial for presenting their country's position and shaping the agenda in their respective committees. In small groups, delegates drafted, refined, and practiced their statements—focusing on clear messaging and strategic priorities.

The calm and flexible setting also allowed for plenty of informal conversations, last-minute questions, and the opportunity to clarify roles and expectations. This contributed to a strong sense of team spirit and mutual support across the delegation.

In the evening, everyone came back together at a rooftop bar with an incredible view of the Manhattan skyline. Over drinks and shared stories, the team celebrated how far they had come and looked ahead to the exciting challenge of NMUN. The view over New York provided the perfect backdrop to reflect and recharge.

With speeches drafted, goals aligned, and team energy high, the Kiel Delegation ended the day feeling well-prepared and motivated for what was to come.

The inaugural day of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) 2025 in New York commenced with a palpable sense of anticipation and enthusiasm, culminating in an exceptionally grand opening ceremony. Delegates and esteemed guests from diverse corners of the globe convened under a single roof, embodying not only the tapestry of our global community but also the collective aspiration for constructive dialogue.

A particularly poignant moment was the speech delivered by Secretary-General António Guterres. His words resonated profoundly with many of us, as he elucidated the pivotal role of international cooperation in an increasingly uncertain and divided world. With unwavering sincerity and resolute determination, he underscored that diplomacy transcends mere methodology; it constitutes a moral imperative of solidarity, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.

Subsequently, the substantive proceedings of the conference commenced. Delegates from various nations immersed themselves in deliberations, formulation of resolutions, and negotiation processes. As senior delegates, we assumed a distinct yet equally significant role: we provided unwavering support to our delegation, offering not only strategic counsel and procedural guidance but also emotional encouragement.

As one traversed the vibrant conference halls, one could discern the palpable energy—the amalgamation of apprehension, curiosity, and ambition that characterizes such gatherings. The atmosphere was permeated with purpose. Although this marked merely the initial step in a week-long journey, it already felt akin to the commencement of a broader world—a realm where young minds converge not solely to simulate diplomacy but also to embody the principles it upholds.

On the second official day of the National Multilateral University Conference (NMUN), our delegation had the privilege of visiting the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations. During this visit, we gained valuable insights into the role of German diplomacy within the United Nations framework and the perspectives Germany currently holds regarding pressing global crises. The exchange with the diplomatic staff was informative and provided a more nuanced understanding of how multilateral diplomacy operates in practice, particularly concerning issues such as conflict resolution, climate security, and global governance.

Upon returning from the mission visit, the first formal committee sessions commenced. Delegates assumed their seats in their respective committees, and the atmosphere quickly transitioned into focused and constructive engagement. The opening speeches were delivered, establishing the tone for the upcoming negotiations and enabling delegations to position themselves concerning the topics at hand. It was remarkable to observe how swiftly most delegates adapted to the setting and actively contributed to the discussions.

Later that evening, a feedback and reflection session was convened among the delegation. This provided an essential opportunity to openly discuss the wishes, concerns, and logistical or emotional challenges experienced by some participants on their first day of committee work. These were recorded by the Head Delegates and would be presented to the organizing team during the internal meeting the following day. Overall, April 7th was both an enriching and motivating experience. The day was characterized by professional engagement, team spirit, and a clear willingness among the delegates to immerse themselves in the realm of diplomacy and simulation. Despite the intensity of the day, there was a sense of orientation and mutual support within the group, making it not only a productive but also an enjoyable step in the NMUN journey.

On the third day of the National Model United Nations (NMUN) Conference in New York, the Kiel Delegation continued its committed engagement in diplomatic discussions and multilateral dialogue. Following the initial positioning and the establishment of working groups on the

previous day, the delegates entered the second day of committee negotiations with renewed focus and motivation.

Many of the delegates delivered strong speeches during formal sessions, demonstrating not only their thorough preparation but also their ability to adjust rhetorical strategies in real-time according to the flow of negotiations. Their interventions reflected a deep understanding of the assigned topics and a commitment to constructive dialogue.

In the afternoon, the Head Delegates brought donuts from Dunkin' Donuts as a motivational gesture. This spontaneous and much-appreciated break offered a moment of light-heartedness and rejuvenation amidst the demanding schedule. It also reinforced group cohesion and morale, contributing positively to the delegation's overall performance.

The formal sessions were characterized by fruitful and inclusive discussions. Delegates worked actively within their respective committees, contributing to the refinement of working papers and helping to shape comprehensive and actionable policy recommendations. In doing so, they collaborated closely with fellow representatives from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds. The Kiel Delegation placed particular emphasis on inclusive diplomacy, ensuring that smaller or less vocal delegations were also brought into the negotiations and that all voices were heard. At the same time, the delegation exercised careful discretion in maintaining a professional distance from delegations whose positions or behavior were perceived as diplomatically challenging, such as the Russian Federation.

In the evening, the Head Delegates convened as usual a structured internal reflection and feedback session. Delegates shared both positive impressions and challenges related to the day's proceedings, including procedural complexities, interpersonal dynamics, and emotional or logistical concerns.

Overall, April 8th proved to be a decisive and rewarding day within the NMUN experience. The Kiel Delegation demonstrated high levels of professional engagement, diplomatic empathy, and team cohesion.

Despite the demanding nature of the conference setting, the spirit of collaboration and mutual support remained strong, laying a solid foundation for the following days.

On April 9, 2025, the Kiel Delegation had an intense but rewarding day, as the final two committee sessions took place. The first session was dedicated to the last finalizations of the working papers in each committee. In most committees, delegates spent time refining the drafts, incorporating the final adjustments and recommendations from their working groups. By the end of the session, all of the working papers had been approved as draft resolutions, ready for the voting process.

After a productive morning, delegates enjoyed a final lunch together, marking the culmination of their time spent in the committees. This was a special moment, as it allowed delegates to reflect on the friendships they had formed with international peers.

In the final session, there was a brief window for delegates to propose amendments to the draft resolutions. This was the last opportunity to make any changes before the resolutions moved forward for voting. In the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women), one amendment was successfully adopted, which led to an important modification of the draft resolution. Following this, the voting procedures began, with most resolutions passing through a recorded vote. The process ensured that each delegate's voice was heard, and the final resolutions reflected the collective will of the committee.

Ultimately, all draft resolutions were successfully adopted by the committee and transitioned into final resolutions. Over the last few days, the committee (CSW) had focused on the important issue of "Protecting Women and Children in Conflict-Related Areas." The resolutions that were passed contained diverse and innovative policy recommendations for the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). These included solutions related to data collection, improving WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) infrastructure in conflict zones, and providing support to the most vulnerable populations. The committee's work demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the urgent needs of women and children in areas affected by conflict.

As the day came to an end, the Kiel Delegation celebrated with a special midnight excursion to Times Square to enjoy an art installation. It was a perfect way to mark the conclusion of a long, productive day and to reflect on the achievements made. Afterward, the group headed to a nearby ramen restaurant to indulge in a late-night meal, ending the day on a high note.

This was it — the final day of the NMUN conference had arrived. The committees had held their ultimate sessions the day prior, with working papers submitted, voted upon, and successfully transformed into draft resolutions after achieving the required quotas. The day began with a peculiar mix of sentiment. On one hand, the substantive work had been completed, the committees were dissolved, and the agenda topics were settled.

And yet — the atmosphere remained palpably expectant. Delegates across the venue were discussing what the GA and ECOSOC plenaries might entail, what highlights the closing ceremony would bring, and — of course — which delegations would be recognised with awards for their outstanding participation. Many participants were also looking forward to the delegates' dance scheduled for later that evening, offering a final opportunity for networking in a more relaxed setting.

The Closing Ceremony, held from 11:30 to 13:00 at the UN General Assembly Hall, proved to be unexpectedly moving. Michael Eaton, Executive Director of the NMUN, delivered a heartfelt speech about his family's longstanding connection to the organisation and the profound satisfaction he derives from fostering the Model United Nations experience for students worldwide. Maike Weitzel and Eileen Austin, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General

respectively, complemented his remarks by sharing their reflections and insights from coordinating the conference.

The culmination of the ceremony was the awards presentation, where the Kiel Delegation was honoured with the prestigious Outstanding Delegation award for their representation of Ukraine. This significant recognition reflected the delegates' thorough preparation, diplomatic engagement, and adherence to their country's foreign policy throughout the conference sessions. The delegation received this accolade with tremendous pride and excitement, recognising it as validation of their months of research and preparation.

Following the formalities and an afternoon of leisure time for sightseeing in New York City, delegates gathered once more for the final social event — the Delegate Dance.

This provided a perfect conclusion to the conference, allowing participants to celebrate their achievements, exchange contact information, and solidify the professional relationships developed during the preceding days of intense diplomatic simulation.

On the 11th of April 2025, the Kiel Delegation was quite exhausted due to the delegates' dance on the 10th of April where some of us partied into the early hours of the 11th. Therefore, most of the delegates slept in and started the day a bit slower.

After an easy morning, some of the delegates went to the Museum of Modern Arts (MoMa) while others went shopping, to Greenwich, or China Town. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't the best as it was quite rainy and windy.

Later, a small group met to try the Roosevelt Tramway where we took the tram across the East River. It was a magical experience with all the lights of the city contrasting with the darkness of the night. Afterwards we went to Chipotle, one of our favourite fast-food restaurants of the trip.

There, some of the delegates realized they couldn't check in on their flights, which caused some worries for the next day (luckily everyone was able to get on their flights).

In the end, all delegates went back to the hotel where some played games until late in the evening. It was a wonderful last day, despite the weather, but also quite sad since we knew that it would be our last day together.

On the 12th of April, the conference and Closing Ceremony were a thing of the past and Kiel's delegation looked back on an exciting week and a job well done. The remaining Delegates checked out of the Hilton hotel, farewells were said to those with a differing schedule for departure and coffee and souvenir shops were visited last minute for bridging over time – but when it was time to leave New York, most Delegates formed a group to transfer to the airport together.

There, after many goodbyes and small tokens exchanged, the Delegation of Kiel 2025 disbanded in friendship and gratitude for the experience that was made possible for us by the club, our Head Delegates and everyone contributing to the NMUN project. Many of us will see each other again for KielMUN!

Committee Reports

Commission on People and Development (CPD)

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) convened to address two critical agenda items: "30 Year Review on Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development" and "Addressing Population Growth in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas." The committee selected the second topic as its focus, recognizing the urgent global challenges posed by unprecedented urbanization. As the delegation representing Ukraine, we approached these discussions with a commitment to advocating for sustainable urban development solutions that would address both global challenges and the specific needs of our nation, particularly in light of our ongoing recovery efforts and the internal displacement of over 3.7 million people due to conflict.

The CPD sessions were characterized by a collaborative atmosphere, with approximately 50 delegates representing Member States from across the globe. The committee's moderate size fostered both substantive debate and meaningful connections between delegations, allowing for more personalized diplomatic interactions. Throughout the conference, regional blocs emerged naturally, with Ukraine actively participating within both the Eastern European group and broader coalitions focused on sustainable urban development and infrastructure resilience.

From the opening session, delegations presented diverse priorities, with significant support emerging for addressing the second agenda item on urban and peri-urban population growth. After a series of opening speeches that established key positions, the committee formally adopted "Addressing Population Growth in Urban and Peri-Urban Areas" as the primary topic of discussion, recognizing the urgent challenges facing nations worldwide in managing rapid urbanization.

As a delegation representing a nation experiencing unique urban challenges—including conflict-driven internal displacement, urbanization pressures, and infrastructure strain—we positioned Ukraine as a bridge-builder between different regional perspectives. Our delegation emphasized Ukraine's concrete domestic initiatives such as the Updated State Strategy for Regional Development 2021-2027 and our participation in the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) initiative, with cities like Lviv, Mykolaiv, Ostroh, and Vinnytsia demonstrating our commitment to developing sustainable and resilient urban communities. During informal caucuses, we actively contributed to developing comprehensive solutions. We advocated strongly for incorporating conflict-sensitive approaches to urban planning and emphasized the importance of resilient infrastructure systems during crises.

Our delegation actively supported multiple working paper drafts. All the working papers the delegation supported were well-received during formal deliberations and all papers were accepted as draft resolutions. During the voting procedure, all resolutions supported by Ukraine passed with overwhelming support, with only minor abstentions from a few Member States.

Our delegation had the opportunity to deliver two formal speeches to the committee, during which we articulated Ukraine's commitment to international cooperation on population issues while also candidly addressing the demographic challenges stemming from ongoing conflict and pointing out the hypocrisy of member states engaged in warfare with Ukraine while simultaneously calling for sustainable urban development practices to be employed by other member states.

This committee experience at NMUN 2025 not only enhanced our understanding of international population policy frameworks but also strengthened our diplomatic skills and reinforced the importance of Ukraine's continued engagement in multilateral forums addressing global development challenges.

United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

We, Cara Spitzer and Lara Klein, were representing Ukraine in the United Nations Environmental Assembly (UNEA) at the NMUN Conference 2025. In this assembly we discussed the topics of:

- I. Transforming Food Systems to Prevent Biodiversity Loss
- II. Environmental Recovery in Areas Affected by Armed Conflict

Before the conference even started, we decided that it would be in our best interest to focus on topic two since Ukraine needs support for its environmental recovery related to the ongoing war with Russia.

In our first informal sessions we therefore tried to find likeminded countries that also wanted to set the agenda on topic two. Many countries approached us themselves and complimented our position paper as well as spoke out their support for Ukraine. We were quite happy to have already found so many potential working group partners after just the first informal session. To our regret, the agenda was set in the order to first talk about Transforming Food Systems to Prevent Biodiversity Loss. For us this meant a step back as we had to find new working group partners. Luckily, many of the ones we already talked to in the first informal session were still open to work with us, which made finding a working group a lot easier.

On the second day, when it came to forming the working groups, Cara focused on staying with our already existing partners and planning the work while Lara searched for more Member States for our working group. In the end we were able to work together with many Scandinavian States that had already tried to form their own working group, but we were able to convince to join us. After this, our working progress began. In our working paper we focused on the topics of “Marine Life Protection”, “Shared Knowledge and Transparency through a Data Hub”, “Financing” as well as “Education”. Our working group was consistent in its working progress, and we were happy with everyone’s effort. Despite the challenge of coordinating a large working which included the management within, but especially between the smaller subgroups, it was a pleasure to work together with our partners. Thus, we were able to complete the essential part of our working paper on the third day.

Consequently, on the fourth and final day apart from adjusting minor changes our working group was mainly preoccupied with discussing a possible merge of our working paper with other groups. However, as we were already a large group we decided after careful consideration and numerous conversations not to merge. So, after drafting our working paper to a draft resolution, the final part of the conference began: the voting procedure. 13 resolutions, including ours, were adopted by recorded vote. It passed quickly as there had been no time for amendments. Thus, we were able to discuss our beloved topic two for half an hour in informal session. At 5 pm we call it a day and adjourned the Meeting until next year. To wrap it up: The UNEA is one of the biggest committees with 170 nations und around 350 delegates.

This was both a pleasure and a challenge. We are extremely grateful for the great preparation and support by our head delegates as well as the appreciation shown to us by our fellow delegates, who voted for us so that we received an outstanding delegation award. It was an amazing experience and meeting so many kind and inspiring people further enriched our adventure. We are more than happy to have been part of the NMUN 2025 and will never forget these few days. Rest assured, even if you do it twice, it is an once-in-a-lifetime-experience.

Lara Klein and Cara Spitzer

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

During the NMUN conference in New York 2025, we, Anna and Henrike, represented Ukraine in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The two topics discussed in our committee were:

I. Addressing the Burden of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work on Women and Girls

II. Protecting Women and Girls in Armed Conflict

From the beginning, it was clear to us that the second topic was most relevant to our delegation, given Ukraine's current situation as a country at war. Our priority was to focus on the protection of women and children in armed conflicts and to reflect this urgency in the agenda setting. On the first day, we had the honor of delivering the very first speech in our committee, presenting our country's position in front of roughly 40 other delegations. This gave us the chance to introduce ourselves and highlight the importance of addressing the second topic first. During the day, we used informal sessions to engage with like-minded delegations. With support from several countries who shared our focus, the committee successfully set the agenda to begin with Topic II: Protecting Women and Girls in Armed Conflict.

The second day was centered on forming working groups. Our team placed a strong emphasis on improving data collection and evaluation as a basis for more effective protection and funding strategies. We quickly found allies, including Austria, Switzerland, Cuba, and Senegal, who brought in various ideas on how to close the data gap. This gap is one of the major obstacles in advocating for funding and shaping effective programs. As discussions progressed, additional delegations joined our group, strengthening our working paper both in content and in support. While our group focused on data, other groups worked on improving hygiene infrastructure for women and girls and enhancing women's participation in peace processes. Given the relatively small size of the committee, we had the opportunity to speak regularly throughout the week and to keep the whole committee updated on our group's progress. Over the next few days, we continued to refine our working paper with regular feedback from the dais. In long discussions, we carefully revised our proposals to ensure they were well-formulated and would gain broad support. Unlike some other groups, we did not merge our paper with others, as our focus on data was unique and distinct from the rest. By the fourth day, the draft resolutions were finalized and submitted. In total, five draft resolutions were handed in, and all of them were adopted by the committee. Due to time constraints, the second agenda topic (healthcare and hygiene) could not be discussed further and was postponed for future conferences.

Looking back, we were able to position Ukraine as a vocal and constructive actor, build alliances, and actively shape a resolution that focused on one of the most urgent issues facing women and children in conflict zones today.

Henrike Johanna Lohse & Anna-Julie Brüns

General Assembly 1(GA1)

The topics brought before General Assembly First Committee (GA1), namely “Confidence-Building Measures in the Regional and Sub-Regional Context” and “Promoting Nuclear Disarmament and International Security,” were both inextricably intertwined with the ongoing situation in Ukraine. Consequently, the voice of Ukraine was strongly represented throughout both speeches and working papers within the approximately 400-delegate-strong committee of the National Model United Nations (NMUN).

A notable effect of this large committee convening in a relatively small conference room was that, even on the final day, previously unfamiliar faces continued to appear among the more established participants — each day brought new diplomatic dynamics and personal surprises. Following the opening ceremony, a spirited atmosphere of diplomatic activity emerged, gradually crescendoing into the start of the first formal session. As the Dais introduced themselves, the committee swiftly proceeded — after a series of general speeches — to adopt the first agenda item. A coalition of European and North African Member States was promptly formed, which by the second day had already drafted a well-rounded working paper. As a country directly confronted with a war of aggression in violation of international law, we placed particular emphasis on peacebuilding measures — including those aimed at initiating, securing, and consolidating peace. Our focus extended across both military and socio-economic dimensions, in line with a comprehensive understanding of post-conflict stabilization.

The informal sessions of the simulation proved to be a dynamic space not only for drafting, but also for building cross-group alliances. Our working paper gained support through its holistic approach, most notably by proposing a Truth and Reconciliation Commission — an initiative we proudly contributed. Simultaneously, we were drawn to another working paper that sought to safeguard newly established borders in crisis regions through UN Peacekeeping Forces. While arguably beyond the mandate of the General Assembly, this proposal offered a compelling and thought-provoking perspective on practical peace enforcement. No Model UN would be complete without solemn speeches and pathos-laden rhetoric. We, too, were granted the opportunity to address the Assembly. In doing so, we strove to convey with utmost accuracy the presence of hostile troops on Ukrainian sovereign territory, as well as the atrocities associated with it. It can be said that both Bendix and I (Jonathan) found sympathizers for our cause — and, perhaps even more notably in a committee of this scale, managed to remain in everyone’s thoughts and on everyone’s lips.

As the final day approached, the committee proceeded to vote on the twelve accepted working papers. Contrary to expectations, only minor amendments were proposed, and most draft resolutions were adopted without significant procedural friction — eventually becoming formal resolutions of GA1. To stand out in a committee of this magnitude is a challenging endeavor, especially when time for speeches is limited. Yet, in retrospect, we are content with the contributions we made and the initiatives we undertook. Not only did the tireless efforts of our Head Delegates bear fruit, but we also demonstrated strong internal coordination and alignment, ultimately gaining valuable insights into the workings of the largest Model United Nations conference in the world.

General Assembly 2 (GA2)

During this year's NMUN in New York I, Kaja Heins, represented Ukraine in the General Assembly. The two topics discussed in our committee were: I. Promoting Sustainable Production and Consumption Patterns, II. Closing the Financing Gap to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

I personally was convinced that discussing topic I was of greater urgency, as promoting sustainable production and consumption patterns offers a more directed approach to achieving the SDGs, while closing the financing gap would lead to a lot of discussions with different regions attempting to advance their own interests in securing funding, while developed countries would likely seek to minimize their financial contributions. This dynamic is especially critical considering that the General Assembly is a committee that cannot impose binding rules or infringe upon national sovereignty. Although I was able to deliver a speech expressing my views on the setting of the agenda and about twenty people agreed with me, about 380 people in my committee were already fully convinced to discuss topic II first.

After the agenda was set, I tried to find a working group, which was a lengthy process of talking to other delegations, then mutually agreeing that we shared similar ideas and intentions and wanted to work together, only to lose them in this sea of nearly 400 people and then start again by finding new delegations with similar perspectives. During this experience, I truly realized the challenges of working alone; while most delegates could split up and engage with multiple groups thanks to their co-delegates, I had to navigate these dynamics independently. To be candid, this situation offered some advantages during the formal sessions, as I had more opportunities to deliver speeches, so it was not all bad.

The morning of the following day, I and 48 other delegates formed the silver working group focusing on public-private partnerships (PPPs), international banking and financing, as well as transparency. We further split up into three minor working groups, to each focus on one of the aspects of our group. I worked on PPPs. That day, I had the opportunity to deliver another speech explaining our work and ideas.

Prior to the conference, our head delegates had warned us about the possibility of encountering disrespectful or undiplomatic behavior, such as the deletion of others' work from shared Google documents. However, I did not witness any such conduct within my committee. On the contrary, I was genuinely impressed by the professionalism and mutual respect demonstrated by all participants. Especially within such a large working group, there was a shared understanding that the work was a collective effort requiring full consensus. The third day was characterized primarily by intensive work on our working paper, moving towards the development of a draft resolution. There was little time allocated for formal speeches, and we spent most of the day in informal sessions. When we finally completed our draft resolutions, the chairs strongly encouraged us to merge our documents, resulting in a total of nine resolutions with four as the result of mergers.

On the fourth day, all resolutions were successfully passed, after which we commenced discussions on Topic I, leading to over an hour of speeches. Overall, it were incredible four days filled with a lot of fruitful collaboration with amazing people. For example, the delegation of Cyprus, who was originally from Ukraine and was such a wonderful support with helping me speak Ukrainian in my speeches, or the Finnish delegation always getting everyone together for our working group. One other highlight worth mentioning is that even the Russian delegation signed a commitment to keep peace and respect other countries' sovereignty in order to achieve the SDGs.

Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) was one of the largest and most dynamic committees of this conference, second only to the General Assembly. Representing Ukraine, we were tasked with deliberating on two crucial topics:

I. Achieving Universality of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and

II. Preventing the Use of Chemical Weapons by Non-State Actors.

The first day of committee was exciting and fast-paced as we worked to set the agenda. Given the current context of the Ukraine-Russia war and the blatant violations of OPCW regulations by Russia, our delegation strongly advocated for Topic I, believing that achieving universality of the CWC was imperative. We argued that without full compliance by all State Parties, including Russia, the effectiveness of the OPCW would be undermined. However, despite our efforts, the majority of the committee voted to prioritize Topic II. While slightly disappointed, we recognized that preventing the use of chemical weapons by non-state actors was equally vital to Ukraine, given the country's unfortunate experiences with such threats in the last years. The remainder of the first day was used to form working groups and begin preliminary discussions.

On the second day, we delivered our first formal speech, drawing upon the emotional realities faced by Ukrainians due to chemical attacks. Our remarks emphasized the human cost of chemical warfare and the need for immediate and comprehensive action. Informal sessions became more focused, and we began drafting initial proposals in our working group.

Despite "Terrible Tuesday's" daunting reputation, the third day proved productive. Our working paper, titled "Crossroads Initiative", came together with the collaboration of delegations from Poland, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Nepal, and others. We successfully contributed two operative clauses to the document. These included the expansion of UNSCR 1540 and a strong condemnation of any State Party enabling non-state actors to acquire or use chemical weapons through proxy. Specifically, we recommended enhanced oversight and investigation into State and NSA affiliations under the CWC framework. This was a major victory for our delegation, aligning with Ukraine's national interest.

On the final day, we delivered our second speech, directly criticizing State Parties, particularly Russia, for their use of non-state actors to perpetuate chemical warfare with impunity. Our intervention emphasized the urgent need for accountability mechanisms within the OPCW. As the conference drew to a close, all working papers were formally adopted as draft resolutions. The closing ceremony honored outstanding delegates and exceptional position papers.

Overall, participating in the OPCW committee was an enriching experience. We are proud of Ukraine's contributions to the discussions and the significant progress made towards preventing the use of chemical weapons by non-state actors worldwide.

United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (UNECE)

We, Anna and Emmy-Li, were representing Ukraine in the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe (UNECE), discussing the topics of:

I. Sustainable Forest Management to Achieve SDG 15

II. Improving Sustainable Energy Development and Transition

Both of the agenda topics were important for us, as the delegation of Ukraine. Nevertheless, the second agenda topic was of higher priority, since the country's energy infrastructure was heavily destroyed since the beginning of the conflict with Russia in 2022. Russia had a very big influence in the energy supply, which is why a transition to a more sustainable and resistant form of energy is not only crucial from an ecological point of view, but also from a security-political point of view, to become energetically independent.

The first conference day, the 6th of April, started in the evening. We were surprised how small our committee and the room were, but it quickly turned out to be very helpful, since it was not too loud and easier to communicate with other delegations in informal sessions. After the chair introduced themselves and the general rules, we directly started with agenda setting speeches. In the first informal session we got to know different delegations, a lot of them also from Germany, and gained an overall impression that the majority of Member States preferred topic II. In the following two hours we heard a variety of speeches alternating with informal sessions. At the end of the first conference day, we managed to vote for the second topic, even though we were not able to give a speech underlining Ukraine's point of view.

The second conference day, our delegation started the day with a visit to the German House, where we were able to ask a lot of questions. Afterwards the second day of the conference started with the formation of working groups. The delegation of Ukraine placed particular emphasis on the implementation of mini-grids and hybrid-grids, with a particular focus on war-affected areas. Ukraine's allies in the working group included Denmark, the United States of America, Estonia and many more. A speech given by Anna supported Ukraine's position. Throughout the day, an increasing number of delegations joined the working paper and the work on these issues. At the end of the day the first submission of the working paper was made.

On the 8th of April we started with a speech about the importance of mini- and smart-grids, especially in war-affected countries like Ukraine, by Emmy-Li. We also received our first working paper correction and managed to improve critical points, so that we could hand in another draft by the end of the day. An important event was the merging of our working paper with another one. It was a long and difficult process which required a lot of discussions as well as diplomatic negotiating skills, but worked out quite well in the end. Our delegation was able to keep the crucial topics for Ukraine, while staying open for adaptations and improvements. We ended the third day with another speech, given by Anna.

The fourth day was the last committee session. The draft resolutions were finalised. In the end, three draft resolutions were presented. All three draft resolutions were adopted. After the committee session we were able to get into a talk with our chair.

In retrospect, NMUN enabled the enhancement of negotiation skills, expanded the legal and political English, and the expansion of professional networks. The delegation of Ukraine was very content with the draft resolution and the work undertaken. We are immensely grateful for this experience

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

We, Alexander and Mona, represented Ukraine before the UNHCR, discussing the topics of:

I. Enhancing Efforts to End Statelessness

II. Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence Against Refugees

On the 6th of April, the first day of conference, Alexander and I were surprised at how big of a committee UNHCR is! It turned out to be just the right one for us. After reuniting with some delegates from BayernMUN and introductions from the Chair, the agenda setting speeches commenced. Alexander delivered a great first speech for Ukraine for topic one, which was the topic that was voted for in the end.

On the second conference day, our delegation used the time before the conference to visit the German House. Mona unfortunately had fallen ill the day before and wanted to save her energy for the conference later. She delivered her first speech later nonetheless, and we walked around from working group to working group in the informal sessions, trying to make the best possible choice. We ended up joining a small but growing working group that seemed to have overlap with Ukraine's interests.

On what is traditionally called "Terrible Tuesday" – the longest day of conference – a lot happened. Our working group had suddenly grown to over fifty Member States, Russia among them. We decided we needed to split off, and a lot of delegations followed our suit. Thus, the Working Group Maïke Weitzel was founded, where every participant could be heard. Our working process was very fruitful, and we were so happy with our choice! At the end of the conference day, we even decided to merge with another small working group. Alexander delivered a good speech again. For us, "Terrible Tuesday" was "Terrific Tuesday."

On the final day of committee sessions, we focused on completing the merging process. It turned out the Chair was very happy with our Draft Resolution, and spirits were high in our working group. Mona had the honor of delivering Ukraine's last speech for topic one. Every draft resolution passed through voting procedure! UNHCR's delegates were so passionate they turned in six new working papers for topic two – we among those in a new working group – and Alexander even had an impromptu speech.

At the end of the day, we, the Delegation of Ukraine, were honored by our peers with the Outstanding Delegates Award in our committee. Our delegation as a whole also received the Outstanding Delegation Award at the closing ceremony. We had so much fun and are proud to have made a positive impact in the conference and our working group!

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

On Sunday, April 4th, NMUN 2025 officially commenced. All delegates gathered, eager to get to know each other and find allies for their preferred topic choice. Unusually, deciding on one topic took quite a while, as it seemed the committee had a tie – twice. Ultimately, after a visit and an inspiring speech by the Chef de Cabinet, the UNDP Committee adopted the following agenda: Topic 1 – Fostering Resilience and Inclusivity in the Informal Economy, followed by Topic 2 – Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Global Supply Chains. The final informal session of the first day was used efficiently, as delegations began identifying potential partners who shared similar visions and goals.

On the morning of Day Two, official working groups began to form. The Delegation of Ukraine decided to split up and work on two different Working Papers, ensuring that the full scope of Ukraine’s perspective was represented. Throughout the day, Ukraine actively participated, delivering approximately two speeches per delegate and gaining attention for introducing the story of little Sofia – an eight-year-old girl from Ukraine. Her story quickly became a symbol of the human side of the informal economy and inspired empathy and engagement across the committee, as she was mentioned in the speeches of other delegations too.

Then came what many refer to as “horrible Tuesday.” While the day began with reaffirming speeches and promising proposals, tensions gradually rose as working papers developed and differences in priorities emerged. Despite the challenges, the committee remained focused, and progress continued, driven by a shared commitment to inclusive economic development. The primary focus of the day was to finalize the ideas presented in the Working Papers. Changes to the Operative Clauses were mostly minor, with a few new aspects being added. In the evening, Working Papers were prepared for the second submission, while most delegations concentrated on gathering additional support and collecting signatories for their Working Papers.

On Wednesday, the final day of the committee sessions, the last aspects were incorporated into the Working Papers, which were then formally submitted as Draft Resolutions. Ukraine actively co-sponsored two Draft Resolutions and, by the end of the day, supported two additional Draft Resolutions out of the five presented. Following a final review and the introduction of several amendments, some proposed by Ukraine, all Draft Resolutions were adopted, reflecting their high quality and practical solutions. Several resolutions were even adopted by acclamation, demonstrating broad support from the member states. After a swift voting procedure and a highly successful session, the Ukrainian delegation was recognized by other delegations for its progressive and diplomatically active participation.

Finally, on Thursday, all committee sessions concluded, and we gathered at the United Nations Headquarters to attend speeches delivered by the organizers and the representative of Luxembourg. During the closing ceremony, the work and contributions of the various delegations were recognized. Our delegation was honored with three Peer Awards as well as the Outstanding Delegation Award.

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