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# POV: You're Press Team at the Opening Ceremony

It all began five minutes late; however, I don't think anyone noticed. As I was walking around with my camera in hand, I smiled at all the delegates on the stand with their HMUN masks on, talking about all things except the conference probably. Whilst taking some photos, I noticed that not all of the delegates were wearing the cute HMUN masks that they all received on the first day and it pained me. Disappointment washed over me when I looked at my photos, seeing the annoyingly unsatisfying fact that like three of the 20 people in the photo were wearing the vibrant, light blue and government provided masks.

Brushing the thought that it was going to cause me some real stress later on off me, I focused my attention on the first speaker, our mayor. After snapping a few pictures, I got distracted by the way the man was standing. His feet were weirdly placed in front of him. He was lightly balancing his body on the outer side of them, and I think it went unnoticed by a lot of you guys, but he almost lost his balance like three times. Furthermore, after not really paying attention to his speech at all, a fellow press team member whispered something to me that, to be honest, I did not understand at all and she took my hand to drag me into the hallway.

When I said I wasn't paying attention to the speech the mayor gave, I actually meant I wasn't paying attention to any of the speeches except for the ones Lauren and Annalisa gave. Laughing along with the crowd and looking at one thing whilst thinking about another is one of my best talents so I hope with my whole heart no one really noticed. Me and my social anxiety also refused to step in front of the people sitting front row so because my heartbeat already went to 200 when I had to walk a step further than the door frame. You guys did look like you were actually enjoying it which made me more than happy. However, the occasional chatter and skimpy laughter was the thing that made me actually smile.

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HMUN was cancelled last year, and it hurt, a lot. So, seeing that at least a part of what it was what it was supposed to be made me beam.

So thank you, all of you for making this a memorable experience ;)



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# An interesting keynote

For everyone who witnessed the opening and wanted to know how Sacha felt.

*How did you experience your father calling out your name in the keynote speech?*

I was very embarrassed, and I hid my face in the sweater of my friend. Later when I went home my brother told me his speech was the best speech at HMUN. That made me a bit happier.

*Did other people react on what happened?*

Yes, when I came to buy something at the merchandise desk, they asked my name and reacted with; 'Are you the Sacha?!' And when I was walking up the stairs with my friends and talking about what happened, another girl turned around and told me she thought it was really funny.

*Is this the first time your dad did something like this?*

No, it's kind of normal by now. He likes giving speeches about bullshit and meaningless things. But mostly it isn't about me, so it is kind of funny.

# HMUN interviews

**Sarah, The president of the general assembly**



*What do you think of the organization of this conference, with the covid measures in mind?*

The conference is a lot different than it usually is, but I think the staff did a wonderful job in creating a successful conference, and they've done everything they can to make it as responsible as possible, so I have a lot of respect for that.

*How is your committee?*

It's quite an experience, but they are nice. And they do listen, although it does take some time. So, we'll be working on that, and we will put some punishments in place for non-listening delegates.

*How have you prepared for the conference?*

I have prepared by writing the research reports for my committee, writing a speech and making a planning.

*What are you looking forward this weekend?*

Getting to know the delegates and the Staff and StOff members, to see what's everyone like and to make tons of friends, hopefully, and pass some resolutions. 😊

*How did you find the lunch?*

It was nice. It's a classic so it can't go wrong.

**Ella and Martina, delegates of the International School of Hilversum:**

*What do you think of the organization of this conference, with the covid measures in mind?*



Ella: It's very safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Martina: Yeah, everyone's wearing masks when they're moving around and I think it's pretty safe, because of disinfectants and everything.

*Is this your first conference?*

Both: Yes.

*How do you feel about it?*

Ella: I was nervous, but it's actually very comfortable. I'm planning on giving a speech; we're lobbying right now and I'm about to give a speech on polarization.

**Karel, Delegate of The Stedelijk Gymnasium Haarlem:**

*What do you think of the organization of this conference, with the covid measures in mind?*



I think it's good; we were strongly asked to test ourselves. You are pretty close to other people, but knowing that no one has covid, made me feel pretty safe still.

*How is your committee?*

My committee is good, but there are 2 English people, and they already had a resolution prepared about the same issues. We had a really small resolution, but we had to give it up. I do have a clause however, and I'm going to amend their resolution.

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*Describe HMUN in one word.*

Cooperation.

*What was the highlight of today?*

I got four people to help me write a resolution, and it was really fun. It didn't work out, but it was still fun.

*I saw you just wrote a gossip, what was it about?*

I write random facts as gossip; the one I just wrote is: "If you make a hole in your net, your net has less holes." I'm planning on filling the entire gossip box with facts.

*What are you looking forward this weekend?*

As preparation I made a clause and a speech to go with it, so I'm looking forward to amending the other resolution and to try to fit my clause in it.

*Can you describe your first MUN conference and your first speech?*

I was nervous, but it was also fun, because I was DPRK, and I made a clause about 'labour camps' (I sold it, and I got the USA with me to vote.)

**Sal, Chair of The Stedelijk Gymnasium  
Haarlem:**

*What do you think of the organization of this conference, with the Covid measures in mind?*

I think the staff obviously has done an amazing job. With all the regulations, it's very hard to get people to come here and making sure everyone is here safely is a tremendous job.



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*How is your committee?*

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It's a fun committee; we had to get things rolling at the start of the day, but now everything's going smoothly.

*What do you think of this year's theme?*

It's an interesting theme. I had to write a research report for another committee about this issue and I had a lot of fun researching the topic.

*Describe HMUN in two words.*

Oof... really good 😊

*What was the highlight of today?*

Well, it's still early so I think the best is yet to come, although I really liked the keynote speaker.

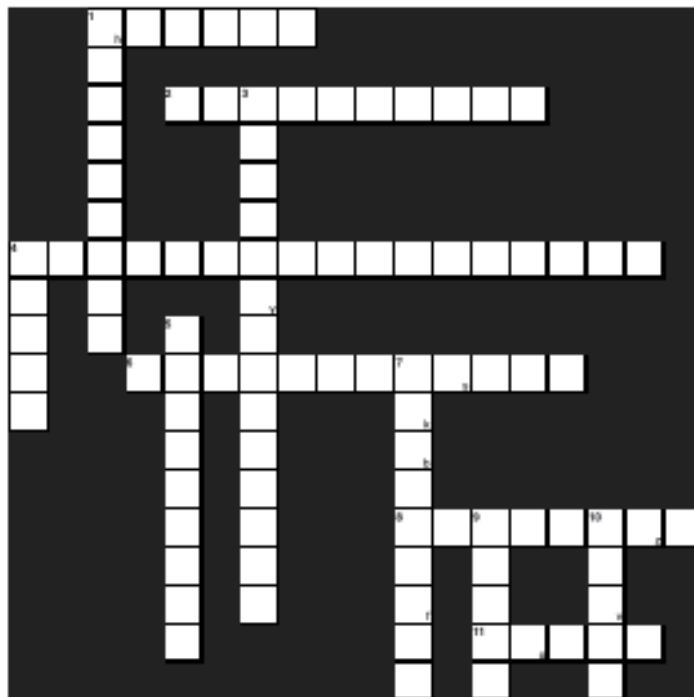
# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## HORIZONTAL

1 a distinct article or provision in a contract, treaty, will, or other formal or legal written document  
2 a formal opinion or intention, usually after voting 4 head of the conference, the ones that basically organised this whole thing 6 the main theme of this year's conference 8 the person designated to represent a country 11 the reason why you have to keep your mask on in school

## VERTICAL

1 the name of our newspaper (you better know it) 3 the quality of not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources, and thereby supporting long-term ecological balance  
4 all the people in the bright orange suits, combined 5 to put all of your comments about everyone else in 7 an alteration of or addition to a motion 9 the only time of the day that's free of debating 10 those tiny young students passing around your notes



# Exclusive interview with a Secretary-General

We took some time to ask one of our secretaries-general, Lauren van Dijk, a few questions.



*How do you feel about the way HMUN turned out, does it live up to your expectations?*

I feel great about the way HMUN turned out. Does it live up to my expectations, I don't know, expectations were hard to set this year and were switched almost every week, haha. However, I am extremely glad that we were able to organize HMUN and the way it turned out, in my opinion, is great!

*How did the communication between you and the other secretary general Annalisa Schipper go?*

The communication between the two of us was, I think as expected, sometimes a little chaotic. But in the end, we always helped each other.

Because we are friends outside of HMUN, the communication was low key, and just really easy to communicate. If one of us was busy, the other could always take over.



*What aspect of HMUN are you most proud of?*

I am really proud that we were able to organize the conference during these times. Seeing all of the delegates during the Opening Ceremonies, made me realise what we had achieved this year. Halfway through the year we didn't know what to expect of HMUN, whether it would be online or live, with 200 or 80 delegates, so ultimately, I am proud of the fact that all of the delegates could attend this conference in person.

*How did you combine the organisation of HMUN and school?*

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For the two of us it was really helpful to be the Secretaries-General together. When I was really busy with school, Annalisa picked up some extra work and the other way around.

Full disclosure: Just before HMUN, some all-nighters were pulled.

*Have you learned anything new from this experience?*

Yes, definitely! The experience as SG differs from the many other positions in HMUN. It was a new experience and it challenged us in many different ways. Being in charge of the Staff was hard sometimes, but it taught us a lot, too.

Furthermore, dealing with the whole COVID-19 situation, taught us as SG's, but also with the Staff as a whole, to be flexible at all times and to not have a fixed mindset.

*Was there anything that went wrong?*

Oh yes, especially in the last couple of weeks. Schools cancelled, our keynote cancelled the day before the conference, the church wasn't available, and above all, we are still dealing with COVID. So yes, things went wrong, but in the end we were able to fix everything. We had an amazing opening in the school and a great Keynote speaker (right, Sacha?)

# Most memorable MUN experiences

**Sarah, PGA:** When I chaired for the first time, my co-chair and I became really good friends and we still are!

**Annalisa, SG:** At LMUNA my host family lived on a farm very far from the conference and I had a really great time there.

**Julie, DSGD:** Representing Saudi-Arabia in the commission on the status of woman.

**Mathilde, DSGI:** At a MUNISH conference I was in a really small committee with all experienced delegates.

**Feline, Head of Press:** My housing experience, one year there was a real fun Spanish girl. We still have contact!

**Zoë, Head of Admins:** At a LMUNA conference a boy sent me a note with the text: 'meet me in the bathroom for some dawn time in 5 minutes'. I was thirteen at the time and he was sixteen.

**Pippa, Conference Manager:** When I was in a committee with the Dutch princess Amalia.

**Nicolas, Head of Content:** At the crisis at LMUNA they came in wearing biohazard suits.

**Fem, Design Manager:** My first speech went completely wrong in front of hundred people.

**Marc, Content Team:** When I had to pass a lot of notes about cheese as an admin.

**Meike, Press Team:** Taking pictures at this conference, capturing the memories.

**Maud, Press Team:** During a closing ceremony there were drums with paint on them, so that gave a really cool effect.

**Fien, Hospi:** When my phone fell on the stairs to the floor.

**Nora, Chair:** When a dude said he really needed to go the bathroom but came back with a cupcake and a cup of coffee.

**Maartje, Chair:** When I was Secretary-General at HMUN 2016.

**Franka, Approval Panel:** When we ate a lot of baklava at online TIMUN.

**Anouk, delegate:** When the delegate of Israel put a huge flag of Israel behind him and just went on and on how great his country was.

**Leone, delegate:** This HMUN conference of course!

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