The Dark Side of the MUN
IMF-ing Bored
The first day of the X-MUN started off very slowly but soon picked up speed, and there was a lot of wit (and blatant stupidity) involved. The topic of the day: The Eurozone Crisis. Though the delegates fought heart and soul for pecuniary causes, many prominent delegates, like that of China, embarrassed themselves in front of the whole committee by suggesting exorbitant and unviable options like Encrypto-currency, an idea to which he continued to propound to general uproar, throughout the day. On the other hand, there were other minor gaffes like "Saudi Arabia" rechristening itself as "Saudi America."

After the tea break, during the moderated caucus, China interrupted, ever so often, with invalid points of order and was observed by various members of the logistics as well as the chair, using his "fake Chinese iPhone". This resulted in China being debarred for twelve minutes. The first update, which resulted in Germany being grilled, but it the second update which dynamically course of the proceedings. In the to the relief of the committee had making any comments, went up to announced that it would give 75% aid to any country which exits the EU. This sparked off a fresh controversy and led to the chairman, Mr. Karan Bhuwalka, making a pithy comment: "The delegate of China makes no economic sense."

The die had already been cast, when there came another update with an impact: "Germany to supplant Greece and to suspend Greek sovereignty in return for financial assistance". Germany was at the receiving end of everyone's angst, and was called by the ambassador of Greece as "Nazi, Nazi, Nazi". The Greek delegate opted out of the EuroZone, saying he was disgusted with the delegates, and defended his position by saying: "The rules of procedure do not apply to it anymore". The delegate of Russia who had spoken about a delegate of Greece when there was none, ironically remained shut when one was in committee. After lunch, when everybody had cooled off by satiating their 'hunger', most delegates started talking more reasonably, save the delegate of China who embarrassed himself to an unimaginable degree. Slowly China died out, as it always does, to an almost unanimous stance, pay back the money. But how started talking about the "Forced" leading to general China bug affected India too. Typical India. Japan who had been during his many conversations with the meditating samurai throughout the delegate of Italy, suddenly popped a pertinent question: "Why is Germany paying Greece while Greece owes the rest of the world?"

Committee broke out into an unmoderated caucus during which the house witnessed an unprecedented amount of lobbying. Italy and USA were maniacally passing 'secret messages', finally forming rival blocs lobbies. Eventually, three working papers with innovative names cropped up – "Coca Bananna", "Encrypto Excreta", and "Paper 1.1". Coca Bananna was met with utter confusion during which its defendants, Russia and China got utterly gormless, as they themselves as they were probably lost in the 'clauses and subclauses'. Encrypto Excreta incidentally mocking China was mostly unnoticed. The final working paper, 1.1, was authored by Germany, USA, Spain and UK, owing to a 'prod' from the chair, was passed by an outstanding 19 votes in a college of 20, who were clearly 'bored' by then.

Committee ended with an entertainment motion in which 19 delegates expressed their views about the delegate of China. The delegate of Italy specially said "Every time he speaks I take off my shoes" and was requested to throw them at his face the next time.
“Decorum, delegates. Decorum” said the Chair within the first 2 minutes of committee. At the UNSC, deliberations began, predictably with allegations and counter allegations. Finger pointing ensued, as the director pocketed his cue ball. Argentina drew a considerable number of looks, even more than they did in the days of Maradona, as committee denied the very crisis it needed to solve. The updates, finally, churned things into a frenzy. The board happily pushed countries together and then pried them apart (USSR and Afghanistan learnt this the hard way) playing God with projector and mic.

Just as everyone was getting used to Messianic, newsreading chairs, an ominous American presidential statement brought things to an impasse. Chaos broke out in the UNSC conference with the arrival of a Secretary General lookalike, the Mujahideen representative.
USSR handled themselves poorly, being debarred from committee for vigorous and gesture-filled assertions that deliberations should not be made with “terrorists” when the Mujahideen had high ranking Afghan officials imprisoned somewhere in Pakistan. Their formal apology was also ‘beautifully’ worded as they stopped just short of calling the Board “terrorists”. The committee was reduced to a mob, applauding and cheering while the Mujahideen operative ridiculed questioning delegates, as the lives of Afghan officials hung in the balance. The initially humane diplomats were even heard echoing the countdown as the first Afghan official was executed, the time limit given by the Mujahideen having expired. Following this, more pandemonium ensued.

There was a mad scramble to submit paperwork, in vain. At the end of the day, the most outstanding delegate, in the press’s opinion, was the Mujahideen operative. He stuck to his stance, refused to be intimidated and forced the committee to yield. Which is what actual delegates should have been doing. The only place where the delegates managed to showcase their creativity was via the names given to the draft resolutions with names like “That’s What She Said”, “Wait For It” and “Alfuq” (The last name was modified by the discretion of the Chair). In retrospect, committee was chaotic and electric, as a Security Council simulation should be. The reporter would like to end with tremendous regret that no “Motion To Entertain” was entertained. Then again, droning on is the order of the day: rules have been thrown to the wind.
The UNCCC is not only known for its strong environmental deliberations, but it also holds a distinguished reputation for its enchanting Bollywood moments and general tomfoolery. This press is happy to say, at least by observing what came under its purview that the current delegates have beautifully managed to uphold this reputation with grace and distinction. The first of the two days of lobbying, motion passing and lolly-gagging began with the introduction of the Board, setting the General Speaker List, speaking time and other exhaustive MUNing complications. What grabbed the press though was the fact that even before the commencement of the Conference, Delegates were already keen to break environmental laws!

It has come to the attention of the press, that when the Delegates were escorted into the Conference Hall, they neglected to switch off the lights and fans of the room they had just vacated. Delegates appear to be in no mood to save the environment, or the school’s electricity bills.

Some of the members of the UNCCC mission have been observed to be the “most serious of the serious”. Indeed, this press has to agree. Italy and the US were seen in serious joint diplomatic discussions with each other; owing to Italy having an exceptionally large soft corner for the US. Vietnam too was noticed to be highly proactive. We found Vietnam to be flanked on all sides by the great superpowers of the world, the likes of which
were UK and Germany. All four nation Delegates were seen requesting personal privileges in unison for leave, hopefully, to discuss serious environmental concerns. In the meantime, India put forward an argument stating that it had the complete ability to supply two hundred thousand Kiribati refugees with its non-existent ‘surplus grains’. The Indian delegate has certainly proved himself worthy through unparliamentary language, use of vernacular while in moderated caucus, and sheer blatant ignorance. The Indian Delegate is most likely to be spotted watching explicit content on his cellular device on Sunday’s session.

Behind the pretty blue eyes of the Chinese Delegate, something sinister seems to be lurking. Astonishingly, China did receive an overwhelming amount of support in the opening caucus and subsequent implementation of Chinese ideas. China, despite its Anti-USA stance, received the Committee’s full support when it came to passing the working papers, allowing for legally binding emission caps on developing nations like itself. Mexico, though displeased with these developments, later agreed. The Chinese Delegate later went on to defend the Chinese Premier’s statement saying that the United States concocted the phenomenon of Global Warming to maintain its dominance. After an impassioned speech, it seemed China, though now ostracised, was doing her country justice.

A special entertainment motion, reserved exclusively for the UNCCC was later passed, which marked the end of the day with a horrible beat-boxing attempt by the chair, outdone in awkwardness only by our press head’s attempts to rap.

It is typical of any environmental debate, like the UNCCC, to yield limited results. The press would like to profess however, that it is the journey that counts, not the destination; and rest assured, one cannot receive a better travel experience than the one provided by the SXCS UNCCC. Godspeed UNCCC, Godspeed. We salute you, your Board and your Delegates.