

## **Debriefing (Reflection)**

The following are the reflection of the Mock Conference International Law on Eradicating Ethnic Cleansing by the Delegates of United States of America.

### **Pre-Conference:**

We have chosen to be the delegates of United States of America, in which Syafiqah will be holding the position of Prime Minister while Ayu hold the position of Foreign Affairs Minister. Understanding the position of United States of America as the permanent member of United Nations Security Council that hold the veto power and prioritise the promotion of human rights obliged for both of us to do extensive research in order to fully understand our role. The main objective and goal for the delegates of United States of America is to uphold human rights by eradicating ethnic cleansing.

### **During Conference:**

It took time for both of us to warm up for the conference since both of us are newbies. So, it was a combination of awkward and nervous feelings piled up together in the beginning of the session. Nevertheless, it become interesting as we become familiarised with other delegates. Through the formal caucus, we realized there were quite many delegates that shared the same positions and standing regarding eradicating ethnic cleansing. We managed to persuade the delegates of United Kingdom to be our ally. From there, we worked in collaboration with the delegates of United Kingdom in gathering alliances with other States. To gain support, we discussed about our working paper as a basis for resolution. During the informal caucus, we managed to get Member States such as Kuwait, Netherlands, Bolivia, Peru, Cote d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Sweden and France as our alliance. Hence, we become the sponsor for the Resolution together with the delegates of United Kingdom while the rest of the supporting States become the signatories.

### **Post Conference:**

From the conference, both of us realised about the limitation that international law have in term of enforcement. Although it is prohibited for Member States to commit ethnic cleansing, this issue of ethnic cleansing have been ongoing since 1992 Bosnian incidents and the most recent one, the Rohingya people in Myanmar. International Law is limited with the principle of sovereignty and non-interference which hinder the international system to involve with domestic affairs. Yet, humanitarian basis and under discretion of Security Council Resolution give power for the international system to interfere. However, due to States' national interests have resulted on some of this resolutions been vetoed by the permanent members of the Security Council.

Besides that, we learned to used diplomacy and persuasion to gain support for our stands. A good communication and listening skills are needed besides of having critical thinking to be able to critically analyse the situation. We were also put on guard to back our policies and ensure our arguments to be standing in line with the policies. We also required to be firm and assertive in our arguments especially when facing with other superpower, like China and Russia while trying not to provoke them.

### **Overall Comments:**

This Mock Conference of International Law allow for students to experience the first-hand experience of being in the Security Council working on resolution. This will help students to grow more as an individual while widening their knowledge in international law.