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Peace begins with youth



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FAMUN 2026's Senior Secretariat: Ready to take a stand for peace

PEACE STARTS HERE

Because the future is not waiting for permission

By: Giovanna Camacho

With worldwide tensions affecting all humankind, multilateral cooperation seems to be the lowest priority for global leaders. However, this is not a problem limited to the older generations. When young voices speak louder than weapons and question global leaders and resolutions' outcomes, our reality can face a substantial shift.

Young people are not mere victims but active agents for building peace, which is the central message of FAMUN 2026. The Senior Secretariat chose the theme "Peace begins with Youth" to inspire you, distinguished delegates, to stand up for a better world.

But what does it take exactly to build a better world? While sovereign states and their leaders usually understand peace only as the absence of war or direct hostility, different people can have different understandings. In a broader point of view, peaceful relations can also mean non-discrimination, socio-economic justice, and the guarantee of human rights. Young people have diverse backgrounds and interests, so they have different impressions of what peace is. Discussing these different and plural meanings can be key to building strong harmonic relations.

To start this conversation, we asked FAMUN 2026 Senior Secretariat what peace means for them. For Vitória Camargo, the Secretary-General, peace is only possible when people are truly free to be who they are - so they are not afraid of being themselves. In a similar war, for the President of the General Assembly, Emmanuelle Murer, and Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management, Victor Araújo, peace is when minorities have their rights guaranteed and there is mutual respect in everyday interactions.

Diversity and plurality of perspectives are key for building a stable peace, as stated by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Ian Miola, and its assistant, Mateus Ferreira. Meanwhile, for the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications and the Assistant Secretary-General for Global Communications, Carol Torres and Mari Pera, peace is only possible when people are not afraid of living in their homes. Youth should urge for a scenario where stability is not optional.

As we come together for FAMUN 2026, we also gather our voices and our ideas for a fairer and more harmonious world. Delegates, are you ready to embrace your role as protagonists, shaping the necessary and urgent transformations the world is craving? Let us take up the challenge and discuss what is peace and how we can build it together. In the end, peace begins with us - and the future does not wait for permission!

DELEGATES TAKE A STAND FOR A PEACEFUL TODAY AND FUTURE, POWERED BY YOUTH

A remarkable beginning for FAMUN's 13th edition

By: Gabriela Sodré

FAMUN 2026 Opening Ceremony and Plenary set a strong tone for the conference. Youth voices also echoed loud and clear, both from States and NGO representatives.

The representative of Panama delivered a powerful speech highlighting that "peace is not inherited, it is built". The message from 4Rs Youth Movement reinforced this idea: "We need to transform peace into something we build together". In addition, Uno.cinco delegate stated that "peace will not be built only at negotiation tables" but when people choose books instead of weapons.

On another note, the representative from Generation Climate Europe stated that "there is no peace under a polluted sky". Thus, a secure environment is essential for guaranteeing human rights: "Talking about human rights without guaranteeing a secure environment is like painting a wall while the structure of the house is falling down".

The General Debate made it clear that both state and non-governmental organizations representatives are deeply worried about the future. But this future, right now, is tainted with threats to peace and life itself. Let us hope that all FAMUN 2026 delegates engage in meaningful negotiations and adopt innovative actions to guarantee a peaceful and sustainable future.



Photo: Beatríz Trevisan

First remarks by the Secretary-General



Photo: Vitória Ohana

UK Youth For Nature delegate



Photo: Vitória Ohana

FAMUN 2026 Senior Secretariat kicking off the conference

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS



Photo: Vitória Ohana

Representative of Mexico during the General Debate

UNGA 1

By: Giovanna Camacho

During the General Debate, the delegate of Morocco questioned whether youth really have space to participate in multilateral negotiations. In turn, the delegate of Vanuatu presented UNICEF data regarding how youth are affected by instability, while the United Arab Emirates complemented stating that young people dying cannot be interpreted as mere statistics. To reach consensus, the Assembly will need to discuss which role youth can have in decision-making.

UNYC 1

By: Adriana Plínio

During the first session, the "Delegação do Clima" speech summarized the youth representatives' ideas, emphasizing the need for equity in climate decisions, especially those related to climate change. The Council also highlighted the importance of including diverse young people, especially women, students, Indigenous people, and refugees, who are deeply affected by the climate crisis, in the decisions taken.

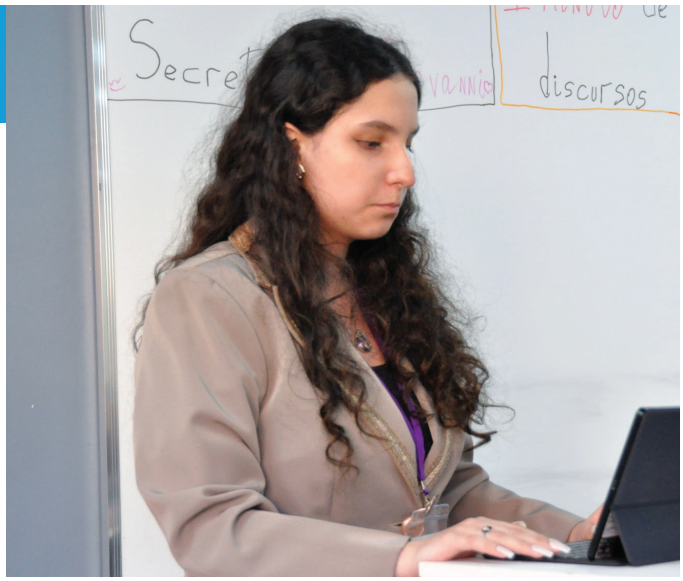


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Representative of RIJC during the General Debate



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Delegate of Malta during Session 1

UNGA 2

By: Luiza Bigati

At the beginning of negotiations, youth emerged not merely as victims of war, but as essential voices in preventing it. Malta captured the debate's central message by declaring that "investing in youth is investing in peace." The statement reflected a shared belief across the Committee: When young people are granted their right to education and given opportunities, and a genuine role in decision-making, they can help replace cycles of violence with dialogue and lasting cooperation.

WHERE EVERY JOURNEY TO PEACE BEGINS WITH A STATEMENT

UNGA 3



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Delegate of Timor Leste during the General Debate

UNYC 2



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Gabriel Oliveira, UNYC 2 Secretary

UNGA 4



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Delegate of Malta during the Session 1

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YADC representative during the Social Event

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PYSA listening attentively to the General Debate

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Delegate of Costa Rica during the Social "Event From Strangers to Peacemakers"

JUST DANCE, IT'S GONNA BE OKAY

By: Larissa Partinelli

FAMUN's second social event was a huge success! During Youth in Motion, delegates celebrated the conclusion of the first day of simulation dancing to music hits from all times. The lights projection was a magnific surprise that created an immersive atmosphere for the choreographies.

The social event reflected FAMUN's spirit: people from different countries coming together. From the Senior Secretariat dancing "Crazy in Love" to the k-frenzy energy of "Gangnam Style", FAMUN participants demonstrated that when we are in sync, the world becomes truly UNified!



Photo: Luiza Bigati

Delegate snapping his fan



Photo: Beatriz Trevisan

FAMUN 2026 logo projected on the wall



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Delegates serving looks at the Youth in Motion

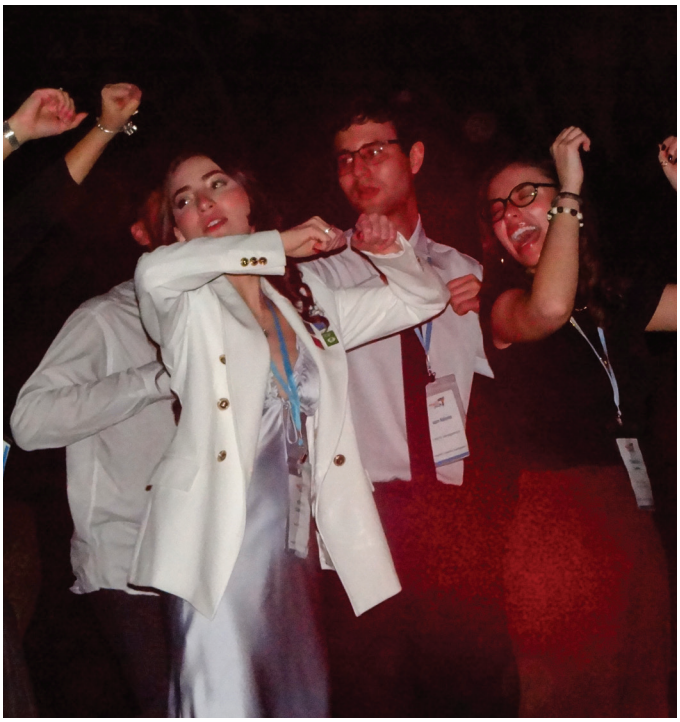


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The dance floor at its peak with our Senior Secretariat

ARE YOU READY FOR DAY 2?

Friday - 04 September 2026

08:30-09:00		**Head Delegate's Meeting**
09:00-11:00		**Session 2**
11:00-11:30		**Break**
11:30-13:00		**Session 3**
13:00-15:00		**Lunch break**
15:00-17:00		**Session 4**
17:00-19:00		**Beyond the Surface**

PEACE BEGINS WITH *ART*

Get to know UN's most popular artworks about peace and youth!



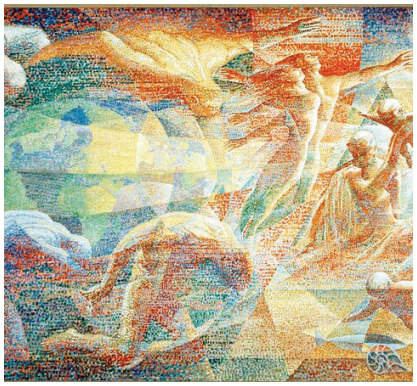
Sphere Within Sphere Arnaldo Pomodoro, 1996

Donated by Italy, this is one of the UN's most photographed icons. It symbolizes the fragility of the world order: perfect on the outside, fractured within by conflict. For the theme of Youth and Disarmament, it calls on young people to look beyond appearances and act to heal the world's divisions.



Guerra e Paz (War and Peace) Cândido Portinari, 1956

These monumental panels hang at the entrance of the Security Council. Before entering, delegates see "War", depicting refugee suffering and the devastation of conflicts. On their way out, they see "Peace", portraying dance, work, childhood, and hope. The order suggests peace comes through dialogue and cooperation. But one could ask: wouldn't the reverse order work better? What if delegates began by reflecting on the peace they seek and left reminded that broken agreements can lead back to war?



Titans Lumen Martin Winter, 1973

Five giants, representing the five continents, move the world from darkness into light. Commissioned by the UN in 1971 to mark the first World Assembly of Youth, the work paved the way for greater understanding among young people in pursuit of peace, justice, and progress. It's the piece most directly tied to youth leadership.

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