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PEACE BEGINS WITH THIS CHALLENGE

FAMUN and ECOAR Paz invite youth to discuss peace with their communities

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When we hear “Peace begins with Youth”, we may ask ourselves how youth can play an active role in building peace. If we understand peace merely as the absence of war, then maybe youth play a limited role in this goal. However, peace is more than that.

Peace does not come solely from major international decisions to end violence; it is also cultivated in everyday life through how we handle conflicts. And that is what inspires the main purpose of the ECOAR Paz initiative: to offer a safe space to foster connections and share knowledge, experience, and practices in peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

FAMUN 2026 had the honor of hosting its co-founder, Roberta Maschietto, PhD, to address Faculty Advisors in a meeting on youth perspectives on peace, violence, and power, presenting research findings on this topic. She emphasized that peace is often perceived as a distant objective for young people, hindering their efforts and participation in building it. More specifically, peace is perceived as desirable yet utopian and distant from their realities. Violence, on the other hand, is tangible and part of everyday life. We can see violent practices through sexism, racism, and the use of force. So even though it is considered structural violence, it has a concrete

impact on people, especially youth and vulnerable groups. Power, meanwhile, is perceived negatively, as something concentrated and shaped by disputes. When power is not seen as diffuse and transformative, young people feel they lack the capacity to transform conflicts and their current conditions, so hope for change diminishes.

In light of this, peace education is a key feature in changing these perceptions and empowering youth to be agents of change. In this spirit, FAMUN 2026 and ECOAR Paz released the Peace Dialogue Challenge, provoking youth to think about peace in their daily social circles. FAMUN participants, their schools, and professors were invited to discuss: What do they understand by peace? What prevents peace in our daily lives? How do our everyday conflicts reflect larger conflicts? And what bridges can we build across our differences?

Having these conversations is an important measure to change the perception of peace as a distant goal so that youth realize they are essential drivers of change, capable of resolving conflicts without violence and imagining more harmonious futures. The partnership reinforces that peace education must go beyond simply listening and ensure that youth voices find space in the decisions about the future. Thank you to all delegations who participated in this Challenge!

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Faculty Advisors and their “peace tree”

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

UNGA 4

By: Giovanna Camacho

Delegates missed the opportunity to focus on their previous priority: Strengthening youth engagement in existing organizations, such as UNODA. Instead of deepening the discussion, delegates opted for aesthetic amendments rather than addressing major gaps in the resolution. Due to their national interests and lack of cooperation, the resolution was adopted hastily, and the depth needed for this agenda was not achieved, with youth becoming merely a footnote.

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Delegates during the line-by-line review

UNYC 4

By: Gustavo Polizel

The discussion on climate justice put to the test whether youth will shape decisions or merely inherit their consequences. PISFCC demanded that marginalized groups become active agents in national delegations and climate projects. In the meanwhile, other delegates proposed accessible information on climate and permanent youth panels. As time gets short, will this create real participation, or will their exclusion just transfigure into figure-heading?



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Youth Council 4 delegates listen to the debate carefully

UNGA UNI

By: Giovanna Camacho

In the press conference, Global South countries, such as Morocco, pointed out imperial countries delaying negotiations. This speech was later contradicted in the committee, since Palestine's youth were not a priority on the agenda for Southeast Asian countries - especially Malaysia. This was later noticed in the resolution where shallow discussions took place - grammar seemed to be far more urgent than youth protagonism in the UN decision-making process.

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Delegate of Malaysia speaking on the press conference

DIFFERENT VOICES, ONE DECISION, ONE SHARED PURPOSE

UNGA 1



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Delegates focused on building peace together

UNGA 3



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Delegate of Australia observes the debate

UNGA 2



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Panama's delegate drafting an amendment

UNYC 1



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Delegates working together towards consensus

UNYC 2



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Friendship meets consensus: TETO and Educar delegates

UNYC 3



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Leticia Malaman, Chair of UNYC 3

THANK YOU NOTE

As we bring this Newsletter to an end, FAMUN 2026 does too. While the delegates are the soul of this conference, we want to dedicate these final words to our Global Communications Department. Over these four days, eight incredible people and volunteers filled the halls as walking cameras,

Instagram influencers, and eyes that wrote every moment. The legacy of this coverage was in our hands, and you made it extraordinary. Thank you for being more than a team, but a family. FAMUN 2026 is yours too to inspire others - and we could not be prouder.

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