

Preparation of Role Play, Model Security Council and other sessions

Preparing for the two extensive evening activities, the Human Rights Field Mission Role Play and the Model Security Council, was the main research component of the Course. For the former, research was carried out on the current situation in Mozambique and the role of the nine represented organizations and agencies. For the latter, research was undertaken on the structure and operation of the Security Council, the current situation in Angola, and the political position of the fifteen represented member countries and one observer mission (the OAU). In each case, packages were put together for the participants to assist them in assuming their assigned roles (please see Appendix for sample packages). Other sessions which were researched and developed prior to the Course included the introductory and closing sessions, the General Overview of the UN System, the General Overview of Human Rights, and Action Strategies.

Preparation of Action Kit

Upon arrival at the Merrywood site, the participants were presented with personalized Action Kits to assist them during the workshops and aid them in follow-up activities after the Course. Each Kit contained carefully researched materials, including: fact sheets on six specific UN Days, the Course schedule, background information on the UN, human security and human rights, contact information for Ottawa area organizations active in human rights, tips for organizing an action event and dealing with the media, contact information of fellow participants and an evaluation form (see Appendix for sample Kit). Throughout the course, further materials for insertion into the Kit were distributed, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and detailed information on how human rights issues are dealt with in the UN system.

Sessions

Below is the Course schedule, annotated to include the names and organizations of the workshop leaders and the principal topics covered.

Thursday, March 16th, 2000

9:00 – 11:00 PM **Introductory Session** led by Steve Mason, UNA-Canada

Topics covered:

- Getting-to-know you activities
- Goals and outline of the Course
- Full Value Contract: determining behaviour and safety rules
- Cooperation and communication activities

Friday, March 17th, 2000

8:30 – 9:30 AM **Breakfast**

9:30 – 10:00 AM **Introduction to the UN** led by Harry Qualman, UNA-Canada

Topics covered: