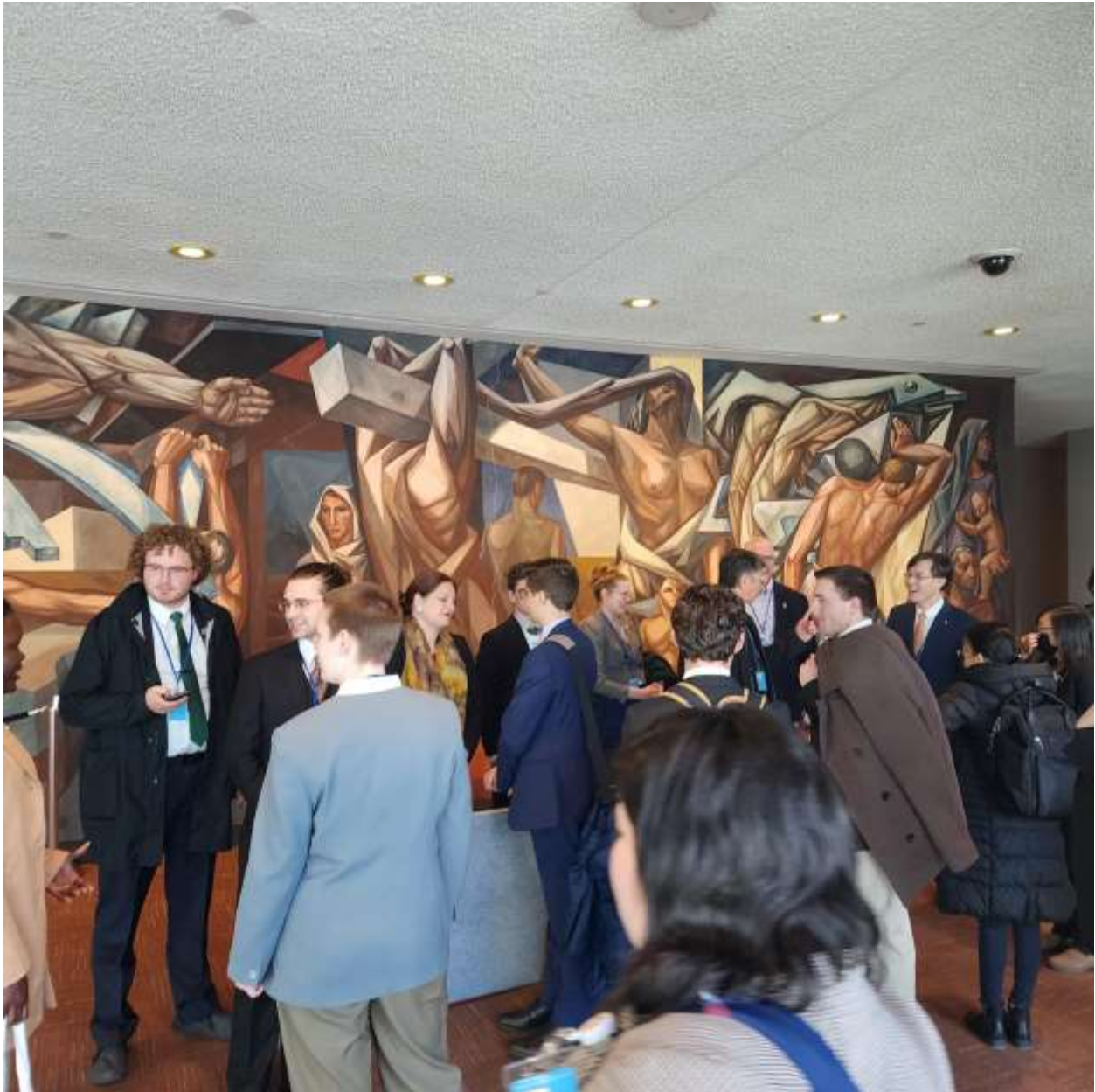


Viewing the United Nations Security Council Meeting



UIMF outside of the United Nations Security Council Chambers

As I sat in the United Nations Security Council meeting, I couldn't help but feel a sense of awe and reverence for the important work being done in that room on March 8, 2023. It was an incredible opportunity to witness firsthand the discussions and decisions that shape international peace and security.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the meeting thanks to the graciousness of the Chinese Minister Counselor, Sun Zhiqiang. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to him for allowing me this incredible experience.

As I watched the representatives of the different nations engage in passionate and often heated discussions, I couldn't help but be struck by the immense responsibility that they carry. These are the people who make decisions that affect the lives of millions of people around the world, and I was humbled to be in their presence.

But it wasn't just the importance of the work being done that impressed me. I was also struck by the level of professionalism and diplomacy on display. Despite the disagreements and differing opinions, the representatives maintained a level of respect and courtesy towards one another that was truly inspiring.

As the meeting progressed, I found myself becoming more and more engrossed in the discussions. I wanted to understand the issues at hand and the reasoning behind the decisions being made. And while I certainly don't claim to have a full understanding of all the complexities involved, I left with a greater appreciation for the challenges facing the international community.

In conclusion, attending the United Nations Security Council meeting was an incredible experience that I will never forget. I would like to once again thank Minister Counselor Sun Zhiqiang for making it possible. It was a true honor to be able to witness the important work being done in that room, and I hope that someday I can contribute to the cause of global peace and security in my own small way.

- *Stephan Atkinson: Foreign Affairs President*