

## Disorder and Misconduct Slow the Progress of Sixth Legal Committee

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In the first ten minutes of getting back to the Sixth Legal committee, the delegates of the Sixth Legal Committee voted to pass three more resolutions to be presented at tomorrow's Plenary. After voting on the three resolutions, another one was suggested to be passed, but failed to receive support from 2/3 majority. The resolution, submitted by Vietnam, argues that revisions need to be made to the Geneva Convention to forbid mistreatment of prisoners of war. Because of the lack of votes, six countries asked to be added to the pro speaker list and five asked to be added to the con speaker list. After four delegates gave their countries' views, Portugal asked for a five minute moderated caucus. After the caucus, South Korea proposed a friendly amendment that suggested revision of the Geneva Convention to include people involved in uprisings be considered prisoners of war as opposed to detainees. The amendment passed and one more country asked to be added to the pro list as well as two from the previous pro

list. Portugal also changed position and asked to be removed from the con list and added to the pro list. On the con side, two more countries asked to be added to the list while three countries asked to be added back to the list to give another speech. Due to all of the delegates asking to be added to the speaker list, the room had a somewhat chaotic atmosphere. The delegate from the Republic of Korea commented on the craziness saying, "We are going to try to get everyone in and we are hoping to get the resolution passed and make it the most effective we can with the time we have." The delegate from Turkey had questions for every speaker, slowing the process down even more. Turkey stated in their speech that a summit does not need to be added to the Geneva Convention. Portugal then proposed an unfriendly amendment. The amendment failed, but two new amendments were proposed by the United Kingdom and passed. The first requests a second Geneva Convention followed by summits and the second defines the summit length and frequency. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea commented on the long debate over the Geneva Convention, saying "the delegates of the sixth legal committee are ill prepared to discuss the Geneva convention." The disorder

during today's session proved to slow the decision making process, resulting in a lack of progress. After today's turnout, it will be interesting to see how the Sixth Legal Committee will handle tomorrow's Plenary.