

Legal Committee Debate Centers on Drone Warfare

Drone warfare, a relatively new topic, has sprung much debate among the countries of the United Nations. Being such a recent topic, there were varying viewpoints regarding the restrictions and legality of the use of drones.

Resolution 6th/III/11 was the focal point of discussion in the meeting of the 6th Legal Committee. The delegates focused often on semantics when revising the resolution. Most countries were opposed to the usage of the term "Bill of Rights" in the first operative clause. The first operative clause was then amended in

6thIII/11/2 to replace the term "Bill of Rights" with "guidelines," a change that pleased the majority of the delegates. Another cause of debate was the third operative clause. The delegate from India felt the use of the word "stricter," in regards to the regulation of drones, might offend some countries. Also, Kuwait proposed a friendly amendment to strike the first sentence to the word "vehicle" because many delegates felt that it was repetitive and unnecessary. The amendment passed by a majority vote.

The delegates from South Africa, India, and Germany

congratulated the committee on good communication and effectiveness of revising the resolution. India and South Africa agreed the committee was making more progress than in previous years, which South Africa pointed out may be due to the fact that the committee was not getting "stuck on legal terms."

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