

Drugs Dominate Security
Council

As the Security Council returned from recess, a representative from Turkey arrived to answer questions about Syrian refugees. Though a resolution on the issue had already passed, the committee was on the topic of Syria and agreed that the information might be necessary if another resolution on the topic were considered. The representative said, "refugee flow needs to be regulated, mostly around the border."

Following the end of the discussion, the delegate from Portugal motioned to move to the first topic: Drug Trafficking and Organized Crime. Multiple resolutions were proposed, but after the delegates could not agree on one, they implemented

division-of-question and radically modified the next resolution. Resolution 1/2 was introduced; the delegate from Germany presented an amendment to strike four of the five operative clauses. The chief conflict was the policy of legalization and control, which was supported in the resolution. The delegate from Russia summarized the delegates' opinions against the policy: "the legalization of drugs is the way to nowhere," quoting Russian Federal Drug Control Service chief Viktor Ivanof.

As the debate became locked, the delegate from South Africa said the committee had to stop arguing about legalize-and-control because it was "only a matter of controversy . . . we need to stop wasting time on this."

Soon afterwards, an unmoderated caucus was called to discuss amendments, which caused the delegate from France to draft many amendments. The committee failed an amendment that justified legalization by noting that some drug trading supports some nations' economies. It was decided that the United Nations should not support drug use by allowing legalization.

Nevertheless, the delegate's other two amendments were successful. The first addition asked member states to strengthen their borders to reduce drug trafficking. The other amendment requested an international summit analyzing the need for subsidization in nations that drug markets supported. This summit would meet twice a year and was

proposed to be held in Switzerland. The committee requested a discussion with a representative from Switzerland, but doubt about the representative's availability prompted the delegates to change to location to Azerbaijan.

After a productive unmoderated caucus, the Security Council appeared to be pleased with their progress, with the delegate from South Africa admitting "this resolution will become fairly perfect" with a few more amendments. The delegate from the United States said: "it is going in a really great, agreeable direction" and expected that the resolution would be passed by the end of the day.

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