

National Policy

Pauses Progress

Discussion of President Assad's Six-Point Peace Plan and the sanctions placed on Syria opened committee. The Security Council delegates then continued debate over resolution 3/3. The delegate from France presented an amendment to strike a controversial operative clause demanding support for certain political organizations; it was passed unanimously. Another amendment focused on issuing sanctions on political organizations that would defy the clauses of the resolution. This amendment

was also submitted by the delegate from France.

During an unmoderated caucus, the delegate from France drafted an amendment to authorize peace talks between the current Assad government and the Syrian National Council. These would take place in the neutral area of Azerbaijan and would reconvene quarterly. They would end when deemed unnecessary by the envoy stationed in Syria. This amendment was also passed unanimously.

While in a committee of the whole to discuss refugees, progress was halted due to concerns that the delegate from China was not on policy. This led to an extensive argument between

the delegates about the importance of following policy. The delegate from Germany attempted to convince the committee that "you have to make concessions in order to reach a consensus." The delegate from Guatemala insisted: "some countries historically have gone a specific route and they need to stick to that in order to create more opposition in committee and...create a greater debate."

Once formal session continued, the committee passed several amendments to send United Nations peacekeeping troops to assist the refugees of Syria and bordering nations. Lengthy deliberation on the purpose of peacekeeping troops

dominated the committee until the delegate from Russia found that all of the issues being debated were already outlined in the resolution. The delegate from Germany motioned for a closure of debate which was supported by the delegate from the United States who said: ""we have covered as much as we are going to at this time." The committee went into an immediate vote and passed the resolution with a majority. Having finished their two-day debate, the satisfied Security Council called for recess.

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