

No Water In SciTech

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On the second day of the 2012 United Nations conference, delegates of the Science and Technology Committee worked in a frenzy to write amendments and pass resolutions before the General Assembly's looming deadline. Having already passed resolutions on two of the four topics the previous day, a passerby might have assumed SciTech slowed down its progressive pace. This was not the case, as SciTech worked even quicker in choosing a new resolution.

The chosen resolution, I/14, by the Islamic Republic of Iran dealt with the issue of the Global Water Crisis, which is a lack of purified water for drinking, cleaning, and other important functions. The Water Project is a non-profit organization that tries to solve the Global Water Crisis, but the foundation cannot reach everyone in need. When the resolution was initially considered, the delegate from Iran said the main problem other representatives had with the resolution was that "everyone wanted safety" in placing the new water sources. Many amendments were written, until none of the resolution's initial operative clauses remained unaltered. After the dust cleared and the speaker's

list exhausted, the resolution passed with an incredible 51/0/0, with no delegates opposing or abstaining. After the vote, Iran said "I think everything was solved".

SciTech then passed a resolution on the final topic, and plans to revisit the topic of cyber terrorism after lunch to tie up loose ends. SciTech is not a committee to halt forward progress; the delegates keep working until everything is clarified to the best of the committee's ability.