

## Productive in Political

First Political began the night as every committee did discussing the order of topics. After some strong debate over whether Africa or the Middle East was the more prevalent issue, the committee settled on the topic order of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7: Africa, Asia, the Americas, the Middle East, Europe, and Antarctica. Topic number 6 was Oceania; however, seeing as there were no resolutions written on Oceania, it was not regarded in the order of topics after a close vote.

The delegates quickly moved into resolution 1-3 which was written by Argentina, again it was a very close vote. Delegates quickly realized how much there was on the topic to be discussed so the speaking time was lengthened to 4 minutes. In the discussion of this resolution it was contemplated that if one were to get rid of child soldiers if this would eventually lead to the elimination of other political problems occurring; this was an idea brought about by Russia. It was also brought up by Luxembourg that the resolution only addressed one specific warlord. It was then contemplated whether warlords were a political issue, as this is the topic of First Political. Four friendly amendments were passed in an attempt to improve the resolution. This seemed to please the committee and they passed the resolution with a very clear majority.

The next resolution brought up was resolution 2-2 however this failed the vote to be discussed. Next, resolution 2-4 was quickly brought up and discussed. It was a clear majority to get onto the topic. The Russian Federation, being the author of the resolution was a very strong advocate for the resolution as were many other delegates in the committee. The room seemed very evenly divided on either side of the topic. One resolution had been passed on the resolution. At the end of the night it appeared that the strong players in the room were the delegates from the nations of Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, South Korea, China, Azerbaijan, and Kuwait. However, very fortunately, the whole room seemed to be participating. Overall, First Political had a very productive night and it is fully expected to continue tomorrow morning, November 6, 2013.

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