

Redundancy and Indecision Threaten Progress

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As soon as the gavel struck to open the second day of committee, delegates of the General Assembly resumed voting and passed nine unfriendly amendments in order to further the progress on the topic of "Global Economic Recovery." The delegate from Turkey, author of the resolution on the floor, commented on the progress made: "We're taking measures and singling out international organizations such as the IMF

[International Monetary Fund] to assist in recovery; we're taking steps towards sustainable green economics which will prevent further economic crises; finally, we are singling out the great economies of the world and taking measures to help them get their acts back together and bring our global economy back to where it should be."

There was an issue involving redundant work after an amendment was passed to strike an amendment which was previously added with a nearly unanimous vote. After a quick talk regarding "thinking actively about the resolution at hand," the General Assembly got serious and made substantial progress when resolution GA/III/4 was

passed with an overwhelmingly positive vote of 31/0/1.

Following the rousing success of the resolution, the delegation moved on to debate topic one, "Millennium Development Goals". Eight proposed resolutions were failed by majority vote, causing a roadblock in committee flow. Once it was brought to the attention of the General Assembly only thirteen resolutions were available for the topic, action was taken and the delegation decided to caucus in order to reach a consensus on a resolution; this meeting proved to be successful when debate resumed and resolution GA/I/11 was agreed upon. Soon afterwards, the delegates joined in an unmoderated

caucus to discuss amendments, to achieve reform, and to attempt to avoid redundancy.