Resolution Controversy

By: Third Committee Press Representative

Last night, after spending much time on topic order, a resolution for the Third Committee was finally chosen and passed. The resolution passed was Equalized Primary Education, otherwise known as topic 1/3.

Today the topic being discussed was Rights of Persons with Disabilities (3), and while a good amount of delegates believed that it was a strong resolution, they also believed that there were some improvements that could be made. Turkey was one who believed the committee should abandon the resolution and move onto another topic, believing that it would be a waste of time to use efforts on the chosen topic. The delegate from Iran said: “this is too broad of a topic for such vague operatives”, which the delegate from Poland also agreed with, saying that she was “not on board with this resolution whatsoever.”

The delegate from Vietnam, who was pro, and also the author of the topic, thanked all of the delegates who were in favor of improving the resolution and making it better. The delegate was soon asked, by the delegate from Turkey if the reason he wanted the resolution passed was for personal glorification. The delegate from Vietnam “was appalled” that the delegate from Turkey would ask such a thing and stated that he had put as much thought into the resolution as he could and was in favor of hearing the opinions of other delegates. When asked whether or not they were in favor of the resolution, two of the delegates did not think the committee was getting anywhere, saying that “they were taking too long.”

Soon enough, the delegates moved on, with some of the countries in favor of this being the ones who represented Afghanistan, Germany, Iceland, and Nigeria, along with many others. Iran, Iraq, Poland, United Kingdom, and Turkey were among those to vote “no”, with Poland and the United Kingdom “no with rights.” With the vote twenty-six to seven, the vote was passed.

The new topic was Capital Punishment, with the resolution being 4/3. Afghanistan, UK, Chile, and Turkey were those who voted pro, while Lebanon, the United States, and Vietnam went with pro. “We need to respect their national sovereignty and allow them to have this punishment,” said the delegate from Lebanon, who seemed to be in favor of the punishment. Currently, the committee is still working on passing a resolution.