

Resolution Tabling Halts Security

Council Progress

As the conference began on the evening of November 7th, 2012, the delegates in Security Council wasted no time deciding on a topic and resolution, moving within the half hour to a committee of the whole in order to discuss resolution 2/3, regarding Afghanistan. After controversy surrounding the operative clauses of the resolution, the delegates voted to move into an unmoderated caucus in order to amend the resolution.

Following the caucus, four amendments were passed. Unfortunately, two of these amendments were ruled dilatory. Amendment B added

the formation of a subcommittee; the Chair declared the responsibilities of the Security Council were to "take action, not pawn [the problem] off on others." Amendment C amended pre-ambular clauses, causing it to be out of order. Amendments A and D struck four of the five operative clauses, leaving the representatives with a resolution which could not be passed.

During an unmoderated caucus meant to discuss further amendments, the delegates concluded the document was no longer workable and decided, despite

protests from the Chair, to table the resolution. The delegate representing Guatemala explained: "It was taking a step back, we believe that we could have passed that resolution and that resolution could have done a lot of good; however, we also believe that Security Council is perfectly capable of passing another resolution that could also do a lot of good." The pause in progress was not worrisome for the delegates.

Immediately after tabling, Security Council decided on resolution 2/4 and launched into another unmoderated caucus, fluidly working together to form new amendments. Amendment A, striking operative clauses

one and two, was unanimously passed and the delegates were in the process of planning an annual summit and rewriting stricken clause one with the intent of drafting a satisfactory resolution by the end of session without further tabling.