Sixth Legal Committee Passes Two Amendments; More to Come Tomorrow

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Stress and tension were the emotions felt in the Sixth Legal committee on Wednesday night. The only topic discussed was 6th/I/3 Extradition/Deportation submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

In the resolution, the UK "invites all nations to be open with extradition to benefit the world as a whole, regardless of religious or diplomatic differences." When the UK had the floor, they made sure all delegates from other countries knew that the resolution was open to amendments.

In the resolution, the UK stated, "realizing that reforming the method of deportation around the world, in both monetary sense and diplomatic sense." When asked what the country meant by "diplomatic sense," the UK said, "Meaning not only to change deportation to make it cheaper, but also to make it simpler and more effective for the governments involved."

Turkey was the first country to request an amendment, stating that the method needs to be lawful and respect human rights. The main problems many other countries had with the resolution were that the agreement needs to be clarified,
more effective, and less costly. A caucus was requested by South Korea and then granted by the chair. After a five minute caucus, votes were taken and the majority won. The wording in clauses three and five were modified because the previous words used sounded too forceful. After those wordings were changed, another caucus was held to modify the term "task force." Many countries were opposed to that term because it seemed like the military would be involved.

Although the only amendments made to the resolution were modifications of wording, many countries in the committee expressed their desire for creating amendments to agree with their countries' beliefs. That concluded the evening and more topics will be brought to the floor and argued tomorrow.