

Syria Stirs Up a Storm

On the morning of 06 November 2013, the fall McKendree Model UN Conference resumed at promptly nine a.m. And at nine a.m. the committee quickly jumped back in to the resolution they had begun discussing the night before. Resolution 3-3 was written by the delegate Germany and while there was not much opposition to the resolution, there was, however, debate over whether Colombia should fight their own conflict or, given how long it has been occurring, whether the UN should provide aid to accelerate a resolution. With most parties pleased with the resolution it was passed, making it the third resolution passed in First Political since the start of conference.

Next, the committee moved on to resolution 4-2, which was on the Syrian Conflict and written by the delegate from Syria. The committee seemed to be split rather evenly on whether or not to pass the resolution. However, then it was brought to attention that Security Council was already discussing the topic of Syria. A question then arose: is the committee of First Political allowed to pass a resolution on a topic that the Security Council is already working on? The answer: no, the committee is only allowed to discuss the issue once the Security Council has passed a resolution and regulations have been passed in regards to the issue. The resolution was then ruled dilatory and the committee quickly recovered and moved on to resolution 4-10 written by the delegate from Israel. The issue with this resolution was whether religion was too big of an issue to handle without infringing on rights. However, with few opposed to this resolution at the start, the committee passed three friendly amendments attempting to resolve this pressing issue.

With the committee's fourth resolution now passed, the committee moved on to the topic of Europe and later Antarctica. However, it was decided that the resolution written on the topic of Europe was more of a topic covered by the Economic and Social Committee and the resolutions written on Antarctica either were not political issues or not relevant to the continent of Antarctica. Both resolutions were tabled.

With these topics tabled the committee moved on to resolution 1-6 written by Colombia on child soldiers in Africa. Delegates began working very diligently on amendments. In all 3 friendly amendments were passed on this resolution. However, it was shared with the committee that they could then discuss Syria and it was discussed of tabling the resolution and the topic twice. However both times it failed because they had spent so much time on the resolution already. Then multiple aspects was brought up to also discuss resolution 1-9, written by The Republic of Tajikistan. However, this also failed because of the limited time, the committee wishing to make it back to the topic of the Middle East, and the fact that the topic had already been discussed to be tabled. As they stood before a recess for lunch, First Political was still debating resolution 1-6

while trying to do so with a swift pace so as to cover the topic of Middle Eastern, specifically Syrian, conflicts.

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