

Collaboration is Key for the Third Social Committee

Footsteps echoed through the chapel as the delegates of the Third Social Committee filed into the pews. The committee, eager to start, blasts through attendance procedures. Having only three hours to work in, the delegates consider the order of topics.

Understanding natural-disaster aid's time sensitivity, the committee is united in addressing this topic first. This same unity compels the delegation to address women's access to healthcare next, followed by humanitarian assistance in times of armed conflict. Following the delegate from The United States of America's motion to consider resolution R-3/1, a chorus of "Second!" rang throughout the chapel and the Third Social Committee successfully moved into consideration of the resolution.

The delegate from the United States of America opened the consideration process, favoring the resolution due to its strong foundation. Amendments could strengthen the operative clauses, he said, and the resolution could be very strong once amended. The delegates from Nigeria and Italy made similar remarks, both supporting the resolution's strong preambular clauses. The delegate from Guatemala, the resolution's author, said he was open to amendments and willing to collaborate on amendments.

However, not all delegates were for the resolution. The delegate from Chile thought the Red Cross Foundation was too focused on in the resolution, and he wanted to see other plans of action. The delegates from Kazakhstan and Rwanda also called attention to grammatical errors; Rwanda noted the use of "affected" versus "effected."

Realizing the resolution's weaknesses, the delegates quickly began the amending process. Hoping to fortify the original resolution's operative clauses, the delegate from Guatemala signed amendments to make them friendly and undebatable. These amendments clarified the operative clauses' aims in a variety of ways, including adding clauses from other resolutions and striking some of the original clauses.

After these revisions to the resolution, the delegates drafted amendments to address the preambular clauses' errors. While tedious, the delegation swiftly enacted the amendments and continued working. Now, the delegation seemed unified in supporting the resolution as it was. Speaking for the resolution, the delegate from Canada stated his belief that it had been amended as needed and was ready to be voted on. With speed and unity, the committee moved into closure of debate. Placards bolted into the air. With an obvious majority, the resolution passed.

With the opening night of the session coming to a close, the Third Social Committee relished their early progress as they looked towards tomorrow.