

# Amendments Play Major Role In Decision Making

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The debate in the Economic and Social Committee room was intelligent and courteous, but also heated and opinionated. It took the committee nearly three hours to decide on the order of which they should attack the topics. They finally decided to begin with Topic #2: Global Competition for Food Resources. After they discussed, and possibly passed, a resolution on Topic #2, they would move on to Topic #4: Global Debt and Topic #3: Financing for Development. Finally, they would address Topic #1: Financial Impact of Global Identity Theft.

They began their discussion of Topic #2 with a quick decision to choose resolution 2/6 [ECOSOC/II/6]. Many of the delegates said they were in full support of this resolution because it had a strong base that could serve as a foundation for an even stronger resolution created by amendments. The delegate from Turkey spoke many times on behalf of this resolution. His plan was to pass this resolution after "carefully amending its weaker points." Turkey gave the *Chronicle* a statement

summarizing his thoughts on this resolution: "This resolution has strong objective clauses that make it a perfect resolution for this topic. With a few amendments, this resolution will be suitable for everyone and solve all problems brought to our attention." The delegates from the United Kingdom and the United States were supporters of this resolution as well.

On the opposing side, many well-spoken people voiced their reasons for being against this resolution. The delegate from Syria was quick to bring the "faults" of this resolution to attention. Syria said that other delegates had proposed four or five amendments to be added to resolution ECOSOC/II/6. He proposed that they move their attention to resolution ECOSOC/II/3, a resolution that "already had the credentials of the four or five amendments planned to be added to resolution 2/6 [ECOSOC/II/6]." A statement from Syria summarized his thoughts on this resolution: "I'm still con. We have been discussing four or five amendments to be added to resolution 2/6 [ECOSOC/II/6]."

It's not worth going through the time and work to amend a resolution when we already have a suitable one. I feel that resolution 2/3 [ECOSOC/II/3] already has the ideas that we plan to amend into resolution 2/6 [ECOSOC/II/6]."

As the day comes to an end, the committee remains active and productive on finding a resolution that will suit everyone after being amended.