

Eager to get back to work, the Sixth Legal committee returned early from lunch to dive right back into session. Just before the delegation broke for lunch, they brought resolution R-2/2 to the attention of the committee. Having already passed one resolution on the topic of drone warfare, this delegation was hoping to cover a few details not addressed in the previous resolution passed. With only a few hours remaining in the session, the delegation worked with determination to meet the oncoming deadline.

To begin the discussion of resolution R-2/2, a pro and con speakers list was formed. Though the resolution received wide-spread praise for its quality of coverage, many delegates said they felt the times in which drones are permissible for use was vague. The resolution originally mentioned drones be used only for surveillance. Many delegates voiced their belief that the use of drones in a violent manner is permissible during times of war. This particular divide amongst the delegates proved to be a major topic of discussion for the committee.

An unmoderated caucus was called for delegates to begin drafting amendments to strengthen the resolution at hand. After a lengthy amount of time, seven friendly amendments were brought to the attention of the delegation. Out of the seven amendments, six of them pertained to the question of when drones were permissible for various types of usage. The committee eventually decided that drones could be used by nations in other countries when they are at war with that nation or have been attacked by an “act of war” by the respective nation. The usage during these times may range from

surveillance to military strikes. However, when a nation is not at war, they may only use drones within their own borders or within another nation that has given them consent. Following these amendments and what the delegate from Granada called “thorough clarification,” the delegation seemed content with resolution. Even its greatest critics during the reconstruction process could not argue with its vast improvements.

With the general satisfaction of the committee, the delegation moved into closure of debate. With this being the final resolution of the entire session, a feeling of excitement buzzed through the air. The Chair went through the room, taking the individual votes from all the present nations. The votes were counted and the announcement was made. The resolution passed.