

## ECOSOC Rushes to Meet Deadline

With a resolution hanging on the fringe, delegates of the Economic and Social Committee file into the Chapel to get to work. Having worked long and hard on resolution R-2/10, many delegates felt it was ready for passing. However, much of the delegation was wary of this resolution and questioned its wording and articulation. In approaching a final decision, the delegation decided that a ten-minute caucus was in order.

Immediately after the caucus began, the delegate from France, author of the resolution being considered, had this to say as to why the resolution faced opposition: "The delegates opposed to this resolution are simply opposed to the wording. We can't seem to agree on the definition of a wealthy

citizen, but I am confident we will achieve a compromise and get this resolution passed." Following the caucus, the delegate from France called for a committee of the whole. Eager for progression, the motion was passed by the delegation. Beginning the committee of the whole, delegates began to voice their opposition to this resolution. In the end, the delegation seemed to agree that too much time had been invested in this resolution to risk it not getting passed; therefore, closure of debate was called. Silence filled the room as the Chair prepared for the voting procedure and tensions reached a climax as the voting commenced. The monotonous pros and cons began to echo through the chapel as nations gave their final opinion on this resolution. The votes were counted, and a final decision had been made by ECOSOC; resolution R-2/10 passed.

Following the passing of resolution R-2/10, the delegate of Uganda, had this to say, "I voted con for this resolution due to the sub clause including the tax increase of the wealthy. The nation of Uganda is a developing country. A tax increase would stifle our economy, as it would on others. We can't afford that right now." In contrast, the delegate of the Czech Republic stated, "I voted pro for this resolution simply because it was a well thought out and articulate resolution. Major oppositions were met with compromise and cooperation. In the end, this resolution aided the needs of my country, as well as the world." With no time to slow down, the delegation jumped right into their next topic: global competition for food resources.

The delegation as a whole decided world hunger is of too much moral vitality to

risk never addressing it. No major opposition faced this resolution as delegates began to form amendments to solidify this resolution. All seemed well in the ECOSOC room until an announcement is made. Any resolutions to be discussed at the plenary session must be passed by 11:30. The delegation only had twenty-five minutes to pass this resolution, and their track record for speed was not fantastic. In need of swift progress, a ten minute un-moderated caucus was called to straighten out any and all concerns with the resolution. The committee worked with haste and determination as the clock continued to click. Closure of debate was called and voting began. With sixty seconds to spare, the committee successfully passed the resolution.

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