

# Ethics and Arguments Delay Action

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Although yesterday's Sixth Legal committee was somewhat unproductive, today the delegates came in focused and prepared for the day. The main resolution discussed this morning was 6th/III/3 submitted by Ireland on the topic of Intellectual Property Rights.

The first 30 minutes were comprised of many delegates arguing that the internet and today's technology constantly change. After six delegates spoke on the floor to the committee and said basically the same things, the chair made an

executive decision that they needed to move on from arguing similar points.

After wasting part of the morning on a well-known topic, the Netherlands pointed out that the current resolution was written by the same country at the last council and uses the same statistics. This created much distraction for the entire committee and yet again wasted more time. After five minutes of arguing between some of the delegates, the chair decided to advance to the next issue.

As soon as the committee moved on from their distractions, two amendments were added to the resolution fairly quickly. The United Kingdom commented on the resolution stating, "The resolution as it stands now is very strong, but the UK believes that it is currently too broad

and that more specific details that all nations can agree on are needed to clarify certain points." The delegates from South Africa and the UK both proposed friendly amendments which were added to the resolution.

The next argument on the resolution was if a summit would be effective or not. Many countries wanted to speak on the floor. Some spoke, but because of time constraints many were unable to state their countries' views. After an extended caucus of about 12 minutes, four more friendly amendments were

proposed by the United States, the UK, South Africa, and Portugal. After all these amendments were added, the committee voted on passing the resolution and won with only three delegates opposed.

With only 45 minutes left, the committee moved on to the next topic and started with a caucus. This afternoon, roughly 30 minutes will be devoted to passing as many resolutions as possible. The committee will then work on preparing for the General Assembly Plenary tomorrow morning.