

Three Resolutions Passed in 3rd Social

After lunch, the 3rd Social Committee resumed discussing Natural Disaster Aid at the McKendree Model United Nations Invitational. The delegation voted to discuss Tajikistan's resolution 3rd/III/3. This resolution urged nations to support organizations such as the World Health Organization through monetary aid, educate their citizens on how to support these organizations, and invites the United Nations to create a foundation specifically designed to rebuild countries recovering from national disasters. In a con speech, the delegate from South Korea expressed that she did not support the suggestion of monetary aid, but liked the idea of educating citizens. South Korea stated that she did not currently support resolution 3rd/II/3, but will most likely vote in its' favor with the addition of amendments.

Swiftly thereafter, the delegation passed five friendly amendments. Amendment 3rd/III/3/A added an operative clause encouraging other nations to send citizens and aid to affected countries. Amendment 3rd/III/3/B reworded operative clause 1 to remove "monetary aid" and instead "medical or other aid." The other amendments struck operative clause 3, added an operative clause with the goal of helping nations create an emergency plan concerning the distribution of food and clean water in times of disaster, and created an operative clause allowing effected refugees to travel to other nations in times of disaster. In a subsequent pro speech, the delegate from the United States expressed support of the resolution overall, although he did not agree with the amendment about other nations accepting refugees. The United

States stated that he believed it would be more efficient to bring the aid to the people, rather than moving the people to the aid. The delegation seemed to agree and amendment 3rd/III/3/G, which struck the amendment concerning refugees, soon passed.

The committee also passed amendment 3rd/III/3/F, which rewrote operative clause three to "educate nations on how to assist aid organizations and educate citizens on what to do in case of natural disasters." The delegate from Luxembourg declared that she thought resolution 3rd/III/3 was now "a rather outstanding document" and stated that she thought the amendment concerning education would "do a lot to help this pressing issue."

With the addition of these seven amendments, the delegation moved to a vote. Resolution 3rd/III/3 clearly passed. This resolution was the third one passed by the 3rd Social Committee at this conference. With just a few hours left, the committee promptly returned to the topic of Women's Access to Healthcare.