

First Political Discusses Peace Talks and the Use of Child Soldiers

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The blistering heat of the Middle East gains fuel from the fires of unrest raging in the various countries of the area. It was the first issue covered by the First Political Committee, which concerns itself with the interactions of the peoples and places around the world. After the representatives resolved their discussion of Middle Eastern peace talks, they started on the topic of Africa, specifically the issue of child soldiers.

Following their fourth topic, the Middle East, the First Political Committee will proceed in the order of topic one (Africa), topic two (Asia), topic five (Europe), topic three (Americas), topic seven (Antarctica), and then end with topic six (Oceania). The delegates of first political talked about the Middle East with the second resolution, which

The Commonwealth of Australia proposed, focusing on the implementation of peace talks in the Middle East. Six countries spoke in favor of the resolution with one opposing. The committee made two amendments and added one clause to clarify the specifics of the peace talks. The delegates from Turkey and the Netherlands spearheaded the amendments, first specifying that the moderators of the peace talks be United Nations endorsed medians from the International Court of Justice. Before settling on the ICJ moderators, the delegates entertained the idea of using famous names such as Rosie O'Donnell and Chuck Norris. The representatives then inserted a clause instructing each nation in the talks to

send two representatives per political party. With the changes, the resolution passed with no opposition.

with further continuance and specific improvements to be made at the next meeting.

The committee then moved to topic one, Africa, wherein the delegates decided on the ninth resolution: one written by the United States of America and concerning many African nations' common use of child soldiers. To give an introduction to the resolution, Turkey summarized the delegates in favor of it with the statement, "We are not here to spare feelings; we are here to spare children's lives." Those opposed to the resolution questioned the committee's jurisdiction over the issue, and such delegates, starting with Australia and Syria, suggested discarding the ninth resolution in favor of another. A list of speakers both for and against the issue waits for the chance to speak. The First Political Committee established an opening discussion of the topic of Africa