

# First Political Goes Environmental

What originally appeared to be a simple, easy-to-pass resolution quickly turned into a significant discussion this afternoon in First Political. The resolution under debate was 1<sup>st</sup>/II/3, written by the delegate of South Africa. In summary, the resolution discussed the issues of the growing urbanization of Asian countries and also asked these nations to adopt new ecological legislation if necessary. In a pro speech, the delegate from South Africa further explained how rapid urbanization can lead to a shortage of arable land and poverty, which in turn could lead to widespread conflicts over farmland. The delegate stressed that

resolution 1<sup>st</sup>/II/3 focused predominately on creating legislation to prevent war, not just solving environmental problems.

Throughout the debate, many delegates questioned if this resolution is in First Political's jurisdiction. After a lengthy debate, the body concluded that the resolution was indeed under the committee's purview. With the additions of a few small amendments, resolution 1<sup>st</sup>/II/3 passed almost unanimously.

After promptly tabling both the topics of Oceania and Antarctica, the delegation voted to discuss resolution 1<sup>st</sup>/I/6 about the Mali Conflict. When asked, many delegates said they hoped to pass this resolution before the day's end.

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