

First Political: Politically Protecting the Poor

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An array of bowties and high heels greeted this reporter as the delegates of the First Political Committee came out in their snazziest dress to begin the second day of discussions. Before the meeting ended on the first day, the committee discarded two resolutions on Africa and moved to topic two: Asia.

A brief debate ensued on the first resolution, being by Syrian Arab Republic, concerning child trafficking. The two countries against the resolution, The Commonwealth of Australia and the United Kingdom, argued for a stronger resolution and less emphasis on the United States of America. Because the resolution originally mentioned the use of the Federal Agency of Health and Human Services, the delegates changed it to the fledgling United Nations Inter-Agency

Project. In order to support the UNIAP, they then added in an operative clause allocating funds to the organization. With changes made, the opposing countries withdrew their arguments against the resolution. The committee voted the resolution into effect.

Focusing on Europe next, the delegates proposed the resolution from Bosnia/Herzegovina concerning conflicts in Cyprus. The rubix cube immersed within a small group of delegates, preceding the striking of a clause requesting forces from the United Nations. A final closing remark from the Netherlands of "me gusta" convinced any remaining skeptics, and the resolution passed in under five minutes.

The next topic, food sustainability in the Americas by Gabon, saw opposing forces from many of the major players of the committee, including the US, UK, and Australia. The representatives saw points of issue in the use of a negative pre-ambulatory clause and the use of taxes to control population. The US began the con speeches with the major points, emphasizing the dislike of Gabon's

mentioning the overuse of land by many countries of the United Nations, including the US. The Netherlands summarized the other major issue when he said the resolution, "promoted lower population by starving children." Other countries found the resolution to be impractical concerning developing countries. The Netherlands gathered the overwhelming majority against the resolution during a caucus, and the committee then discarded the resolution and the topic in favor of topic seven, Antarctica. With the entrance of the new topic, the delegates debated the merit of strengthening and passing the resolution seven one or returning to the bypassed topic of Africa. They settled on an added amendment to better protect Antarctica.

After passing the resolution, the committee's next step is unclear due to disagreement on further proceedings. While many of the delegates wished to table topic six and divert back to the topic of Africa, some countries disliked the act of tabling and want to pursue a resolution on Oceania. With the time to submit passed

resolutions to General Assembly winding down, the First Political Committee prepared to pass one final resolution before lunch.