

# Safeguarding Nuclear Technology

In this session of Model UN, the delegates were debating Safeguards for Nuclear Technology. The first resolution up for debate was 2-16 written by the representative of Australia. The reason for considering Resolution 2-16 was slightly puzzling. Many of the con speaker's reservations were in concern of its lack of ideas on how to actually safeguard nuclear technology. Both South Africa and India stated that the resolution contained more factual information rather than ideas or solutions to the problem. They both agreed the resolution should be

discarded and the delegation moved on to a different resolution. The delegates then went to an unmoderated caucus to discuss the resolution.

After the caucus, the delegate of Columbia addressed the delegation. She thought it was well written, and said it "did a good job of providing safeguards without infringing on other countries' rights." The delegate of Azerbaijan said Resolution 2-16 lacked the protocol to be considered a viable option, stating that other resolutions were more specific, and should be considered. The delegate of

Russian spoke in defense of the resolution, saying it was a good base to build off of. A friendly amendment was then proposed, adding an operative clause, and giving more specific protocols for safeguards. The delegate of Ukraine restated the concerns about a lack of specific plans and pointed out the fact that Resolution of 2-16 was more informative than anything else.

After the delegate's statements, four more nations were added to the con- speakers list. The delegate of Australia once again took the floor in defense of his resolution. He felt the information in the resolution

was what set it apart, and was open to amendments.

Two new representatives were added to the pro speakers list. The delegate of Iran, speaking against the resolution he recommended, stated that it was too informative and lacked safeguards. A motion for previous question was proposed; however, it failed. Following that, there was an unmoderated caucus to discuss further amendments. At the conclusion of the caucus, the representative of Turkey called for a Committee of the Whole. He felt that the resolution's pre-ambular clauses. After yielding his time to the representative of South Africa, the delegate

supported the view of Turkey's representative. The delegate of Saudi Arabia thought the resolution should be discarded, whereupon the Committee of the Whole was closed. Following this, a motion for previous question was put forth and passed. A roll call vote then ensued. Resolution 2-16 failed by a vote of 6 pro, 27 con, and 3 abstinences.

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