

## Stuck in Cyber-Space

Today's main topic up for debate in the Science and Technology Committee was Cyber Security. The delegates thought that Resolution 3-3 provided the best foundation for improvement. On the floor, the debate was hotly contested. After five amendments, the delegates could not come to an agreement. With a speakers list nearly 20 strong, there were many opinions on the resolution. After the delegate of Azerbaijan proposed a recess to discuss the myriad of amendments, the general feeling towards the amendments was of impatience. After ten minutes, there was still no consensus on Resolution 3-3. After a vote

for previous question failed for the second time, Jordan proposed a tabling of the resolution which failed. The delegate of the Iran recommended a Committee of the Whole to help clear the confusion on the floor. The delegate urged his peers to speed the process along, as to move on to more pressing matters such as the Global Water Crisis and Safeguards for Nuclear Energy. The delegate of Guatemala agreed that the amendment should be passed for the sake of time. Azerbaijan wanted to table Resolution 3-3 due to its generalities, and felt there was no good way to make the resolution passable. The delegate of Turkey thought

the passing of the amendment must be passed to provide cyber-security. South Africa was opposed to Resolution 3-3 due to its suggestion of conferences, which he stated were "hectic, messy, and the UN doesn't like to deal with them". After Jordan proposed a tabling of the resolution, for which Poland spoke pro. The delegate felt it was time to move on to more pressing subjects. Japan urged the delegates to stick with the resolution until it was passed. The movement to table Resolution 3-3 failed. This was followed by a five minute unmoderated caucus, during which, I got a chance to speak with the delegate of Jordan. He said that he would be voting con on the

resolution, due to the fact that it lacked a good enough foundation, and that even with the amendment, he felt it was too weak to be passed. After the caucus, there was a vote on ending the debate, which was passed. Concluding that vote, the delegates were ready to vote on Resolution 3-3 itself. Finally, after hours of debate on what many saw as the least important topic in the committee, the five-time amended resolution put forth by Spain passed.

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