

## The Salesman's Pitch

After almost four hours of debate and frustration carrying over from last night, Economic and Social passed their first resolution on global debt. Prior to the final vote, a seventh amendment was proposed by the delegate of Greece, to strike the sixth amendment. He strongly argued that every country knows where their debt is coming from, but as the vote on this unfriendly amendment showed, not all delegates agree with this. The seventh amendment barely failed with a difference of four votes.

ECOSOC moved onto Global Competition for food resources by suggesting

Kuwait's resolution, which had a few mistakes to begin with, but was easily fixable. The delegate from India carried the argument that his resolution had a stronger base which therefore could replace Kuwait's, but he settled for adding some of his amendments to Kuwait's resolution. When speaking with the delegate from China, she had high hopes for the early morning, "Yes, I think it can get done because a few amendments have already been passed to make it so strong. We aren't only helping world hunger; we're also trying to promote education on the issue which is really awesome."

After six amendments were added and a couple unfriendly ones were still floating around the room, the delegates stepped into their first Committee of the Whole which raised the question about flat taxes being a concern for Kuwait's resolution. Flat taxes could provide a more predictable income from other countries, as others argue that flat taxes could corrupt the poor. The Committee as a Whole also discussed the percentage that should be used from the income, for hiring supervisors and transportation of the resources and funds. Though they all agreed they do not know the exact amount coming in from the funds, some

delegates believe 1% isn't enough, and others believe it is. Doubling production of wheat and rice all across the world could be a deal breaker for this resolution passing.

The delegate from Russia, given the nick name "salesman", may have provided the delegates with the golden speech, persuading some of the tougher delegates who were opposed of the resolution to begin with. Russia's sales pitch included calling other countries out, like the delegate from India, whose food resources are going downhill today. He also reiterated the fact that the United Nation's job isn't to control first and third world countries, but to advise and

help with various world  
affairs.

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