

Water Crisis Debate Flows Smoothly in SciTech

Today's main topic of debate in the Science & Technology committee was the global water crisis. Despite their diverse opinions on the subject, the delegates were able to choose a resolution for debate. After agreeing to an unmoderated caucus to discuss possible resolutions, the delegates determined Resolution 1-7, which was presented by the delegate from India and provided the best starting point for improvement. With seven pro speakers and four con speakers, it made for an excellent debate. One of the con speakers' many issues with the resolution was its ambiguity, specifically

regarding maintenance of the technology that the resolution wanted to introduce. After some debate, the delegates agreed to a 10-minute unmoderated caucus to discuss possible amendments to Resolution 1-7.

When the caucus ended, South Africa proposed an unfriendly amendment that improved some of the resolution's less-convincing operative clauses. The amendment failed after a close vote, so Ukraine proposed a friendly amendment. This amendment deleted two operative clauses, which enhanced the resolution's overall clarity.

With a strong endorsement from India itself, the amendment passed. A roll call vote on the resolution was proposed, and Resolution 1-7 passed with 39 pro, 2 con, and 6 abstentions. The speed and geniality of the resolution's passing was commendable, and the SciTech committee hopes to debate the rest of the topics with equal skill.

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