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Evening Session

General Assembly First Committee

The General Assembly First Committee began the session by continuing its work on Topic B: The Relationship Between Disarmament and Development. The committee finalized four working papers that were accepted by the dais as draft resolutions, with a vast majority of the committee being involved in the development of at least one of the documents. After concluding their votes on the four draft resolutions, the committee considered Topic A: The Control of Biological Weapons in the Modern Era, which it discussed for approximately thirty minutes.

General Assembly Second Committee

The delegates of the General Assembly Second Committee continued to diligently work to merge multiple working papers that addressed diverse economic stability and related topics. The body decided to consider three separate draft resolutions that addressed the concerns of all Member States. All three draft resolutions were adopted by consensus and the body then moved on to work the topic of International Migration and Development.

General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee continued its discussion on Increasing Access to Preventative Health Services into its final session. The topics of infrastructure, training, funding, and working towards consensus continued to be at the forefront of delegates discussions and speeches. Ultimately, two draft resolutions were considered by the body, one of which was adopted receiving no opposition. The delegates of the committee discussed plans for plenary session the next day and what amendments may be necessary.

United Nations Environment Assembly

The topic of Combating the Illegal Trade in Wildlife remained on the floor for the final session of the United Nations Environment Assembly. The committee considered and then passed three resolutions on the subject, two of which were adopted by consensus. The body then began consideration of Topic B: Responsible and Sustainable Production and Consumption. Issues of eco-conscious practices, policies for the reduction of greenhouse gases, and the strengthening of governmental capacity for data collection and resource management were discussed in the final hours of committee.

Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council worked diligently to conclude its debate on Sustainable Education Infrastructure for the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4, within which it drafted and considered one draft resolution that was sponsored by a majority of the committee. The draft resolution was successfully adopted via recorded vote. ECOSOC then moved on to discussing Topic C, discussing various methods of improving humanitarian assistance, addressing issues related to refugees and man-made disasters, the cluster approach, the mobilization of financial resources, and various other related topics.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations began the session by talking about Topic B. However, the Committee quickly decided to table to discuss Topic C: Strengthening National Capacity to Combat the Influence of Agricultural Production on Climate Change. The Committee talked about reducing greenhouse gases, compiling international agreements on the subject of climate, the effects of CO₂ and methane on people and animals, and the effects of farming on climate. The Committee worked to find innovative solutions and accessible applications to the complex problem of climate change and climate related issues. They were able to pass a resolution on this topic.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice continued its discussion on Strengthening Prevention Measures and Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking into this session. The committee had developed two working papers which were accepted as draft resolutions. Both draft resolutions were adopted by consensus. The committee then began discussion on Topic C: Establishing International Legal Norms to Counter the Scourge of Maritime Piracy, discussing the root causes of piracy, coordinating task forces to fight piracy, the privatization of security forces, and regional frameworks that foster cooperation between states.

Security Council South

The Security Council South began session by finishing discussion on Topic B: The Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. After passing a resolution on this topic, the Committee moved on to Topic C: The Protection of Civilians in Peacekeeping Operations. The main ideas that they discussed were: holding peacekeepers and management accountable for sexual exploitation and abuse, including more women in peacekeeping, and exploring avenues for

restructuring the peacekeeping framework. The committee would like to identify effective mechanisms to hold peacekeepers accountable such as tribunals or other justice systems.

Security Council North

The Security Council North spent this session discussing Topic A: Threats to Peace and Security Caused by Cyberterrorism. The Committee discussed information sharing and multi-national corporation cooperation as well as capacity building. The Committee is seeking to improve the cybersecurity by working on these ideas above. They are hoping to continue to work collaboratively and comprehensively to address this topic just as they did for the previous topic.

