

Delegate Brief: Friday, February 21, 2020

Morning Session

General Assembly Plenary

The members of the General Assembly began their session by talking about Topic G; Combatting Illegal Trade in Wildlife. They discussed illegal trade of poached animals such as pelts and rhino horns. They talked about how sovereignty can be respected and taken into account so that Member States can enforce their own laws. They agreed that illicit wildlife trade prevention is important, and some delegates suggested extending this to commercial products as well. The body was attempting to build consensus and create amendments in a way that allows them to be successful. The Committee was excited to pass three resolutions and two amendments using consensus. by the time session was over.

Economic and Social Council Plenary

The members of the Economic and Social Council began their session by talking about Topic D: Improving Access to Markets for the Promotion of Food Security. Delegates discussed further ways to assist smallholder farmers through improved education and farming practices. Specifically, the body created amendments for two draft resolutions that addressed this concern. The body also discussed ways for the FAO to partner with the WTO, as well as ways NGOs and other multi-national companies can assist the ECOSOC plenary to achieve their goals. Additionally, support for the Doha Development Agenda was expressed and all ways in which to support smallholder farmers were encouraged. After passing two resolutions and a total of three amendments, delegates continued onto Topic H, Strengthening Prevention Measures and Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking, and began discussions on ways to combat human trafficking. The delegates look forward to continuing conversation and debate on this topic.

Security Council South

The Security Council South continued their discussion on Topic C: The Protection of Civilians in Peacekeeping Operations. The body talked about increasing the role of C34 in combating sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) to better reflect the diversity of Member States. They also talked about ways that increasing the education and training of peacekeepers could help address and improve this issue. The body talked about having directors of PKOs provide better and more timely reports concerning incidents that involve civilians. Additionally, the body discussed the age of consent and setting a standard for peacekeepers.

Security Council North

The Security Council continued to discuss Topic A: Threats to Peace and Security Caused by Cyberterrorism. The delegates have been attempting to identify solutions to the challenges posed by the nebulous and ever-changing specter of digital terror activities. The Committee was primarily focused on looking at improvement of capacity and practical methodology for addressing the threats posed by nefarious cyber-actors. The Committee looks forward to discussing the special topic.

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