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Morning Brief

General Assembly First Committee

The General Assembly First Committee continued to discuss Topic B: Disarmament and Development. The Committee has focused discussion around the best ways to encourage Member States to disarm and the best ways to track illicit weapons trade. Delegates are working diligently to address the topic comprehensively. They have goals of ending the illicit weapons trade on a regional basis and making the compliance with disarmament treaties more binding. In this way, they hope to free Member states from the need to pay such high amount of GNI to defense and reallocate that spending to development.

General Assembly Second Committee

The General Assembly Second Committee continued to discuss Topic B: Entrepreneurship and Human Capital Development for the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 8. The delegates have been working on several working papers addressing economic development regarding how to encourage public-private partnerships for the achievement of social aims such as education, health care, climate responsibility, and entrepreneurship. The goal of the Committee is to build consensus with Member States to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 8. So far, three papers have been submitted.

General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee continued to discuss Topic A: Increasing Access to Preventative Health Services. The Committee has split into two groups, but they plan to merge into one group. They discussed education for healthcare providers, increasing access to immunizations, increasing access to clean water, and improving access to telemedicine resources. At this point, the Committee's goal is to improve preventative health services. So far, two papers have been submitted to the dais.

United Nations Environment Assembly

The United Nations Environment continued to discuss Topic B: Combatting Illegal Trade in Wildlife. The committee discussed education and training programs for the general population, law enforcement, and border security in addition to awareness campaigns. The committee is hoping to combine similar ideas with other Member States to create a comprehensive resolution.

They also hope to build capacity of Member States to combat illicit trade and trafficking of wildlife. So far, the Committee has submitted three papers.

Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council continued to discuss Topic A: Sustainable Infrastructure for the Achievement of SDG 4. The Committee discussed concerns around funding directed towards developing Member States. They also discussed language barriers among education facilities and equal access to education. The focus of the Committee is to ensure equal access to education. In an effort to build consensus, the body has merged three working groups into one and submitted a paper.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations continued to discuss Topic A: Improving Access to Markets. During this session, the Committee discussed agricultural infrastructure, food redistribution, funding and access to markets. They have discussed increasing funding for agricultural infrastructure and requesting developed countries to remove protectionist restrictions on markets. They are also highlighting the work of existing agricultural NGOs. The Committee has also started talking about how to create a smooth transition for plenary sessions tomorrow.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice continued to discuss Topic B: Strengthening Prevention Measures and Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking. During this session, the Committee discussed providing services for the victims of trafficking, assisting populations that are vulnerable to trafficking, addressing the rights of children, and strengthening law enforcement methods. The goal is to significantly reduce the number of persons trafficked and to equip institutions with the resources to address the real-world effects of trafficking. Three papers have been submitted so far.

Security Council South

The Security Council South continued to discuss Topic B: The Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Committee discussed sustainable development, specifically incorporating the 2030 Agenda in the DRC. They talked about updating MONUSCO's mandate to reflect an exit strategy. They put a focus on healthcare to combat the Ebola outbreak including the need for additional resources. The body is working towards one comprehensive resolution.

Ultimately the body is hoping for a comprehensive exit strategy for the current peacekeeping mission, with a large focus on increasing development and improving the health situation in the DRC.

Security Council North

The Security Council North continued to discuss Topic B: The Situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Two sub-groups have formed. One is working on good governance. The second group is working on education, health, and economics. The Committee aims to heighten accountability and capability of the DRC government. Additionally, economic aid is intended to help alleviate health issues and provide education about health crisis such as the Ebola outbreak. As of now, there are two working papers that have been submitted to the dais.

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