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As of this year, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, one which has caused violence, diaspora, and a sense of resentment on both sides, would have lasted 67 years. Despite previous efforts at peace, such as that of the Resolution of 338, Israeli-Palestinian relation remains one that is controversial, complex, and unresolved. In the Security Council, the resolution set forward advocated for UN continuing its role as a peace talk platform, forestalling terrorist attacks for civilians of Gaza, establishing laws that prohibit discrimination, preventing the usage and distribution of prohibited weaponry, and acting as a binding mediator between Israel and Palestine. While all countries commended the attempt at peace proposed by the resolution, there is a disagreement

## SECURITY COUNCIL

It is safe to say that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has evoked controversy both regionally and internationally. The debate at Security Council of PASMUN this year is an accurate reflection and insight into the complicated issue.

--Alyssa Hsu

regarding the extent the United Nations should go to intervene in the situation.

The United States, for instance, thought the UN acting with binding powers could infringe country's sovereignty. It also thought that "peace will not come easily.

By having the UN intervening in this issue, it will not solve the issue because the Palestinians and Israelis will still hate each other. Peace talk is the only solution to solve this issue." Other delegates, however, appeared frustrated with the United States' firm stance. The Russian Federation, for example, asked "Doesn't the United States feel guilty watching Palestinian civilians every day?" The delegate of New Zealand was also vehement with his objection to US position by requesting the US to "withdraw from talks because he is abusing his vetoes due to the delegate's destructiveness to the resolution."



The Human Rights Council has opened with a very heated debate on the protection, prevention and education of the world's LGBTQA (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgenders, Queers, and Asexuals) population. The United States of America, one of the most supportive of the LGBTQA people, has noted that signing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights would mean respecting all religious practices and cultural standards. There have been propositions to provide sufficient knowledge for the students at school through adoptions of programs such as the State and Local Prevention Program, as well as calls to include further education on sexual diversity in the school curriculum, including LGBTQA safe sex in health education and counseling sessions to clarify confusions on sexual orientations. In addition to the inclusion of more diverse classes, in school, any faculty or staff members who refuse to provide any type of assistance to LGBTQA students will be reported to officials.



Similarly, there are prisoners who are unable to fight for their rights. These prisoners lose nearly all their dignity due to various reasons such as the unjust use of power, and disputes between prisoners. An enforcement of policies is required to help protect the prisoners' basic rights. Although prisons were intended to take away their freedom to ensure the general public's safety, prisoners should still be allowed to have their most basic human rights. Furthermore, there is also the case of overcrowding within the prison or poorly constructed infrastructures to hold these prisoners. As presented by the People's Republic of China, they urge the prisoners to come together and cooperate with other organizations for their rights and to increase evaluations on prison systems and classification systems to prevent any more unjust treatments. Also, there should not be any violence or torturing when dealing with a prisoner that is more hotheaded; if any member states were to be found evident of horrible treatment, they are to be punished. Lastly, there is a need for change within the infrastructures, so member states must educate on the planning of the architectural design behind these prisons and to remodel prison policies.

## SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The victims, if they need help, would have access to things such as but not limited to: proper shelters, basic necessities, and medical treatment provided by organizations through the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission alongside other respective organizations dealing with this particular category. Most importantly, same-sex marriage would be legalized for a brighter future for couples.





# ECOSOC

As the delegates quieted down and took their seats, the second day of PASMUN VI officially began with just as much, if not more, heat as yesterday. Everyone actively participated in the debate concerning the energy poverty and child marriages in various regions around the world, namely developing countries, and cooperated to put together the best solution they could possibly bring to the two issues.

The ECOSOC delegates first tackled the prominent issue of energy poverty, launching into a fierce debate right from the start. Energy poverty, as it was suggested by many delegates who stood at the podium and strongly voiced their solutions, has been and continues to be a major problem in developing nations, such as DR Congo and Brazil. The lack of energy could bring severe damage to local populations; however, the solution to this problem seems almost impossible to settle as energy prices are costly in developing countries. Delegates fervently discussed the pros and cons of using non-renewable energy versus renewable energy, and further explored the effects of using different sources of energy such as biofuels. Some delegates even suggested more job opportunities and higher wages to help the ones living in developing countries to afford basic form of energy.

The issue regarding child marriages is similar to energy poverty in its severity of harm. Forced marriages between two non-consenting individuals or one consenting and one non-consenting individuals contradict the basic concept of a marriage and further take away one's liberty. Child marriages, often between a young girl and a grown man, happen mostly in developing countries where traditions require parents to arrange their daughter's marriage to an "eligible" man. Not only does this take away a person's freedom, but it also strips the victim of her right to education, arguments which the Delegate of Argentina brought up and further supported by stating how "for each additional year of primary school, a girl can expect her future earnings to increase by 10-20%."



The delegates, motivated by their desire to bring the final and best solutions to the two issues that have been present for the past decades, skillfully and passionately worked their way towards the better future for all of humanity.

The end results are definitely worth waiting for.

-- Cindy Kim

# CLASSIC MUN CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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<b>POVERTY</b>	<b>PASMUN</b>
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