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Introduction/Topic of Debate

The UNEP (United Nations of Environmental Programme) delegates were trying to find a solution to help most nations. One of the solutions was green buildings. The green buildings would be made out of waste which would decrease pollution, is eco-friendly, and the buildings would last longer. Some of the delegate's countries said this solution would help their countries out in helping solve some of the problems they have in the country. Another topic that was mentioned in almost all of the delegate's solutions was funding. The funding would help out the countries that are still developing, but this money would go to helping the environment making it safer and better.

The UNEP had some other ideas that would help the problems in their countries. Iraq has an idea to build sustainable infrastructure that would reduce carbon emissions and also improve green space areas. Iraq also had a partnership with Coca-Cola to filter the water system. This would improve the water systems because they have a wetland (Mesopotamian) that is endangered. Madagascar's primary resource to help fix the problem is renewable energy. They would just spread the word by telling other countries. They don't have the resources and are also in debt. So they would do a trade for their debt and the resources. The UNEP was about saving the environment and also helping other countries to save their environment. The ideas were really smart and could most likely help most of the countries to solve their problem.

Interview

An interview with the delegate from Canada says that their 3-way plan to have accountability of climate protection to other collaborating countries, have developing infrastructure, and aid in funding was thrown over by the delegate of Brazil. The delegate said, "This plan did not fully work out as the delegate of Brazil did not agree with it." The delegate did say that the delegate of Brazil did agree with the climate change protection idea and that Canada will use the natural resources already here to help with that. The representative said that Canada will aim to be more efficient and to establish more sustainable infrastructure. The delegate of Canada restated that they will be funding developing nations with money from the UN as a long-term method for helping with climate change, but Iraq had a disagreement saying that helping more developed countries is not an effective long-term method and explaining that UN money is already stretched. This interview was noted during unmoderated caucus discussions.



Crisis Update:

A Tsunami in the Indian Ocean threatens UNEP's resilience...

A dramatic shift in the tectonic boundaries between Australia and Africa has sent a 250 feet tall tsunami that travels more than 500 miles an hour towards parts of south Africa and most of south Asia, once the tsunami hits, it will surely cause devastating effects. Currently, world leaders are meeting to discuss a relief plan and how countries are going to handle the influx of refugees, in Ethiopia alone there are over 5,000 refugees seeking asylum and more in neighboring countries. Once the Tsunami hits, it will cause mass destruction to marine and terrestrial wildlife causing future problems for generations to come.