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Wildfires Spreading Everywhere: Will the Focus be Stopping Fires, Saving People, or Saving the Resources?

In a tense debate, the United Nations had many different ideas on what was a priority and what was not. Some countries such as the U.K., the Bahamas, and Ghana were more prioritized on preserving the cleanliness of the air. Other countries, such as Italy and Venezuela were more focused on keeping the people safe.

During the debate, a few countries made a few interesting ideas. Mexico was one of those countries. Mexico had decided to use trees to block and protect people from the fires. This sparked many disagreements from the delegates. Some delegates, like Argentina, stated, "they didn't understand why Mexico would use our last natural resources for clean air." While other delegates, such as Turkey, did not fully agree with Mexico, but stated, "they were just doing what they thought would protect the people." Another country that started to spark controversy was Italy. During the session, when Italy left the room, one of the delegates revealed that Italy had sent a note stating they were going to spread more fires so their idea for placing people in Italy's abandoned WW3 bunkers could work. This sparked major hate for Italy, causing most delegates to dislike Italy for trying to cause more chaos just to make their plan work. This was later resolved though, when Italy stated that it was not their intention and their actual plan was to place people in bunker and spread water across the fires to stop them. While this clarification from Italy stopped some of the hate on them, it did spark some thoughts from the UN.

**"Stop the fires and save the people!"
-Venezuela**

This inspiring quote comes from, Venezuela. During the debate, many of the delegates had stated their main focus was to save the last remaining natural resources—when Venezuela decided to step in and say something. This quote was from numerous remarks that Venezuela made, stating how while they agreed the natural resources were important to save, they believed they were missing the point and that they should also focus on saving the people and stopping the fires.



CRISIS UPDATE

Breaking News: Vatican taken over by cult leader Ignacio Espinoza. The cult, which is called "The Reign of Fire" believe the fires are a sign of the heavens punishing us for our sins. Ignacio has stated that he believes the only way to be saved from the fires is to be cleansed from your sins, and the only way to do so is by him. This morning, some of the members marched into the Vatican taking it over, killing a thousand people that tried to stop Ignacio. One of the people to be killed was the Pope, and the clergy men were sentenced to death. The Vatican now houses 1 million followers. Most don't live there permanently, due to Ignacio moving many to different countries. It is unknown how fast churches will spring up.

**"We need to save our natural resources for our future generations!"
-Italy**

By: William Adams

300 Missiles, 3 Suspects, One 3rd Party

On December, 12, 3 cities were attacked by missiles designed and launched by an advanced artificial intelligence system. The attacks happened in Oslo, Vancouver, and Moscow. It would be normal for one party to claim responsibility for the attacks or for the attackers to remain anonymous, however, neither of these occurred. But rather, three nations claimed the attacks as their own, those countries being America, South Korea, and North Korea. Three days after the missiles detonated the United Nations held a meeting to discuss what actions should be taken. Early on in the discussion China said that they had closed their borders .

Germany proposed that legislation should be passed requiring all AI weaponry to be in a registry to increase trust on the international scale. While Japan and Spain argued that there is no place for AI in any military force. China and India argued for an investigation into the AI to find who's responsible and find the original code of the AI. Nigeria, China, Brazil, the UK, and Japan emphasised humanitarian aid as the biggest priority. Russia said that the primary goal of the global community should be bringing those responsible to justice. All countries that previously stressed the importance of humanitarian aid strongly disagreed. Jamaica entered the conversation for the first time using the most casual language of the meeting so far saying that a "feeling" had "come over him". A feeling that said until we know who is responsible, no action should be taken.

**"Remaining passive
risks billions of lives"
-Germany**

The South Korean president then claimed that they were not responsible, which added confusion to the already confused representatives. Investigations led by China and aided by countries like Russia and Norway discovered a blank boat floating in the Pacific that was holding up to 300 of the missiles previously used. All countries currently involved in the investigation, as well as Canada, launched military responses to the boat. At this time the people truly responsible for the attack remain unknown. Military efforts to apprehend the boat remained unsuccessful, and whatever was going to happen next remained a mystery to all but presumably those truly behind the attacks.



CRISIS UPDATE

As if the world had not experienced enough terror during the conference, one missile hit Seoul, South Korea and three missiles hit Washington DC in the USA. This seemed to be a statement from a third party that those who claimed responsibility were lying, and this suspicion turned out to be correct. A cult that worshipped an AI called Gilbert was responsible for the attacks. Their motives are not exactly clear, but one could reasonably assume that the cult is in support of AI having greater control over humanity. This raises the question of what role AI should have in society, the government, and the military. However, it's important to remember that while this discussion on the world stage at times feels stagnant, the progress of AI remains steady. If the world does not respond to AI, clearly AI will respond to the world.

**"AI can no longer be
ignored on the world
stage"**

-China