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# Organized Crime: Can the World Come Up With a Solution?

In a productive debate, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime met to discuss what the most correct and most plausible solution to preventing organized crime globally should be. Although all of the delegates could agree that organized crime needs to be prevented, their actual solution plans varied. One of their main points of contention was whether or not organized crime prevention should be focused on a local scale or a global scale. Another contentious topic was whether or not developed countries should help fund developing countries as a long term solution for the issue at hand.

Most countries in the debate had similar proposed solutions on how to prevent organized crime, though some varied slightly. Iceland for example, stated that the root cause of the issues of organized crime was that countries do not take personal accountability in the prevention of the issue. The delegate's proposed solution was to have tax cuts for police families to make more people want to become police members, which in turn caused a decline in organized crime. The other proposal made was to provide welfare centers for the criminals. This proposed solution is an example of a local or regional form of solution. Another interesting proposed solution was made by Brazil. The proposed solution was to have task forces made to specifically target one group of criminal enterprises. Brazil also stated that to ensure this solution to work effectively, the task forces needed to work with local governments to see what the major criminal problems in that local area were. One country that completely disagreed with these solutions was Canada. Canada's proposed solution was that all countries needed to work together rather than working alone, and that developed countries really need to help developing countries. Canada stated that all countries are affected by organized crime, and that all countries would want to work together and help each other out to finally prevent organized crime from occurring.

**"The lack of accountability in countries is the main cause of crime today"**

**–Iceland**

This eye opening quote comes from Iceland's speech during the moderated caucus. This delegate wants to have countries really focus on their own government, and work on local crime problems, rather than be concerned with all countries working together. Iceland wants to prevent as much organized crime in countries as possible. The solution to this was to focus on local law enforcement, and really get the youth educated and interested in becoming apart of law enforcement to help combat this issue. To make them interested, they proposed giving tax cuts to families of police officers. To also make the youth educated, they proposed advertisement of law enforcement, and the benefits that come with joining. Though no final solutions were made in this debate, Iceland's proposed solution stood out as one of the most reasonable and feasible solutions at this meeting.



## CRISIS UPDATE

Breaking news made its way to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that a new drug, Vakation, made by the Asian terrorist group 14K, has been spread to multiple countries globally. These countries include Iran, the United States, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Columbia, and Bangladesh. This drug is laced with multiple different types of drugs, such as marajana, fentanyl, heroin, and opioids. This drug does not have a specific amount of each drug included, causing it to have deadly side effects. The careless making of this has already killed one girl. The drug has also been found in pharmaceutical over the counter drugs, and has continued to affect multiple people. News has alerted citizens that if they have taken any over the counter drugs in the last 48 hours, and feel any side effects such as nausea, or loss of muscle control, they need to visit a doctor as quickly as possible.

**"In order to stop this problem, welfare centers are needed to support criminals"**

**–Iceland**