

Is Military Enforcement Our Only Hope?

During today's meeting of the United Nations Security Council, the discussion was based around ways they might aid Africa, in hopes of ameliorating the capabilities of their government. This time, Germany began the discussion by stating that planning tactics would help to combat terrorism and extremism in the Horn of Africa. "We must build up the government from within by funding organizations within the communities.", which would ultimately provide safety and security. These organizations may be able to help fund for the threatened communities and provide safety for citizens. Niger continued by commenting on the recruitment of an armed intervention, and how it was more of a short term effect before a long term solution can be established.

China made a significant point during debate, that the United Nations Security Council must be aware that it is impossible to defend every piece of infrastructure in conflicted areas, and that they must form more concrete plans about the future. Representatives from both South Africa and the Russian Federation agreed, stating that there is no point in making critical infrastructure if it will be destroyed nevertheless. Instead, they should focus on prevention and responding to these issues that may be on the rise. They suggested monitoring social media accounts and emails, which may be able to assist in intervening in the long run.

The Russian Federation also made it clear that the UNSC should implement firm regulations about child deployment in terrorist groups, as it is essential to stop extremist groups in their tracks. Each representative agreed that the most productive way to put an end to terrorism was to stop it from its roots. In order to do this, there needs to be a better education system, in which children are encouraged to shy away from potential radical and extremist beliefs that may have been put upon them by adult figures.

Estonia explored the idea that terrorism is a past, current, and most likely future problem. They pointed out that we can expect more from terrorist groups in the future, and although we cannot protect every square inch of infrastructure, we can protect the critical parts, while looking ahead to implement long term plans to "build a better Africa." For the delegates at the conference today, this may be through military control and restrictions, building and protecting infrastructure, and even training of government officials..

Throughout the debates of the UNSC this afternoon, it is clear to see that the nations are coming together in this time of crisis, and seeing eye to eye. Cooperation within the UN is something that doesn't come easily, yet the delegates in the UNSC are prepared to conquer these issues quickly and safely. Each speaker makes concise and eloquent statements, as new ideas are being

communicated rapidly. Although the online format that took place this year was something that we have never seen before, new ideas are still being produced and connections continue to be developed.