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Ad Hoc on Terror: ISIS

Why, hello there! My name is Shelby and I am going to be one of your chairs! (pause for applause) When I am not sleeping or eating I am talking about Taylor Swift, watching Gilmore Girls on Netflix or taking bad selfies to send to my friend. I am a senior here at Mission and I am part Editor-In-Chief on our yearbook staff. I will see you all soon, hopefully full of coffee and not in too much pain because of my shoes.

I. Background:

As ISIS had become more powerful and holding more cities, the Syrian Government led by Assad is currently bombing these ISIS held cities, resulting in the killings of thousands of Syrian civilians. The Russian Federation has given support to the actions taken by Assad's government by giving supplies for airstrikes and participating in airstrikes, assisting in the killing of thousands of innocent Syrians. The Russian Federation has a history of aggressiveness toward foreign countries, such as the unjustified invasion of Georgia and Crimea. The Islamic State is believed to have 30,000 to 50,000 militants fighting by their side and make no plans to stop until their ideology is established within the Middle East, and eventually the world through acts of terror. The acts taken by the Russian forces have eliminated many members of ISIS however have claimed the lives of many Syrians in the process which has caused an uproar in the international community due to the deaths of the many Syrian lives. Due to the actions taken by the Russian Federation, no humanitarian help has come to the ISIS controlled cities, in order to give necessary items to the people.

II. Past UN Action:

In November of 2015, the United Nations security council held a unanimous vote to combat ISIS and to do everything in their power to help destroy it. Although no actions have been taken on Russian Aggression directly, the United Nations Security Council held a vote in order to establish a no-fly zone over Aleppo, however it was vetoed by Russia, which caused an uproar in the Obama administration in the United States. Many humanitarian attempts have been made to deliver supplies to the cities controlled by ISIS however very little have been successful and little supplies have gotten into these cities due to the Russian aggression onto ISIS owned territory and ISIS itself. Besides humanitarian need and an attempt to create a no-fly zone over Aleppo little action has been done by the United Nations, however meeting are to be scheduled in regards to the Russian aggression and ISIS.

III. Possible Solutions:

In order to solve this issue, the delegates should look to either supporting the Russian Federation's actions taken or either try to put into effect a no-fly zone over Syria in order to prevent the airstrikes. If a no-fly zone, one must prepare to heavily negotiate with the Russian Fed. So that the resolution can favor all in order to not upset Russia however also keeping in mind the humanitarian need in ISIS controlled land. The solutions each individual country needs to create must look at all the people involved. The innocent citizens have not asked for any of this conflict. Does your country prefer a hands on or off approach? Ground forces or Aerial Bombings?



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Bloc Positions:

Western European Bloc: Through migrants and refugees, ISIS affects Europe by terrorizing the peoples of Europe. Western Europe condemns the way Russia combats ISIS due to the humanitarian issues that occur due to the Russian airstrikes.

Eastern European Bloc: Russia currently supports the Internationally recognized Syrian government President, Bashar al-Assad, who has led airstrikes against ISIS-controlled cities including Ar-Raqqah. Russia has supported Assad in these attacks by supplying them with arms. This has led to the death of thousands of innocent people along with the death of members of ISIS.

Middle Eastern Bloc: ISIS controls a large portion of the Middle East with the intention of establishing a Sunni Islamic government in the Middle East, and later the world. The ISIS controlled areas are being attacked through airstrikes by Syria and Russia with the intention of eliminating ISIS, however this is causing the death of Syrian lives.

North American Bloc: In the past, the United States has taken part in wars to combat nations in the Middle East, however the US has been reluctant to fight however has suggested arming the Kurdish forces in Syria, who are willing to combat the Assad regime, along with ISIS.

Questions to Consider:

- How can the international community discontinue the bloodshed and prevent ISIS from committing more human rights violations?
- How can we the international community attempt to solve this issue while not displeasing the Russian Government
- How can the international community prevent similar humanitarian crises.



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