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European Style: The Migrant Refugee Crisis

Welcome delegates! This committee is a European Style European Union, all nations in the committee are members of the European Union, and this committee will only have 1 topic which will last over the 2 days of conference, on the first day you will be lobbying: a large unmoderated caucus in which resolution groups will form and speeches will be utilized in order to point out issues in the topic and discuss resolutions, at the end of the first day of committee the various resolution groups will present resolutions. On the second day of committee all delegates must come together to synthesize resolutions and pass a single resolution which all of the delegates agree with; you will write a normal position paper for this committee.

I. Background:

In 2015 the European Union declared that the influx in refugees entering the region had become a crisis and borders were closed to thousands of refugees, most who are currently still waiting for passage into a nation. Although proposals to allow entrance of refugees has arisen in the United States and other nations, little actions have been done to solve the crisis. Due to conflict in the Middle East, particularly Syria, the amount of refugees currently leaving these nations is increasing rapidly, with thousands of refugees living in makeshift villages near the border of Turkey waiting for entrance. Other refugees waited months through grueling processes in order to gain entry into European nations where they are beginning to establish new lives. Several nations are attempting to establish processes in order to track refugees within their countries, while many other refugees await the establishment of more efficient systems so they are able to enter a country. Along with the issue of finding homes for refugees, there are other issues at play within many nations.

Anti-refugee sentiment has heightened with the increase in terror attacks throughout the world and it became a main issue during the campaign of BREXIT. Europeans not only feel that refugees are taking jobs and placing economic strain on their countries, but also feel that with rising numbers of refugees there will be a dramatic rise in crime and conflict. The European Union must not only take action to solve the refugee problem effectively, but must also consider how BREXIT will impact the function of the EU along with how the loss of funding from the U.K. will impact its ability to establish refugee systems and infrastructure.

II. UN Involvement:

The United Nations has not only provided humanitarian aid to the refugees, but the committee of the European Union has taken particular action regarding the refugees. The UNHCR has taken many measures to address the Syrian refugees who are seeking asylum in European nation and has pushed for other countries outside of Europe, such as the United States, to take action and begin processing refugees. Millions of refugees are currently in Europe and



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many more are seeking asylum, however, as new issues arise within Europe the issue of refugees has become more complicated. The dynamic of the European Union will soon change with BREXIT and with this loss of funding the European Union may not be able to allocate the same amount of resources to refugees as they previously had, meaning the UNHCR may play a larger involvement in assisting Syrian refugees in Europe.

III. Possible Solutions:

Resolutions must take considerations towards monetary needs to establish any variety of systems, along with this; BREXIT must be accounted for in resolutions. How will the United Kingdom play a role in solving the refugee problem and how will this nation function outside of the European Union? Systems for documenting and tracking refugees have been proposed in the past and in order for any system to be efficient it must be properly regulated and supported by a variety of nations. Along with this, economic strain must be reviewed and whether other committees of the United Nations will play a role in the resolution to provide humanitarian aid. Involvement of the UNHCR, a committee which specifically addresses the issue of refugees in the United Nations, must be considered along with the possibility of creating a specific European council to specialize in organizing and handling all matters regarding refugees and those seeking asylum in European nations.

IV. Questions to Consider:

- Will any more refugees be allowed to enter European nations?
- Should more nations be inviting refugees into their nation?
- Will BREXIT impact the EU's refugee system dramatically?
- How will funding be allocated to properly provide resources to refugees?
- What system should be put in place to keep track of and document the refugees?
- What infrastructure will be put in place to assist the refugees and how much will it cost?
- How much is each nation willing to give in order to assist refugees?
- Does the refugee crisis directly affect your country?



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