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UNODC/Topic 1: Preventing the distribution of fake medicines

Today in the MMUN 2019 in UNODC committee, delegates are discussing the importance of preventing fake medicines distribution, although they all got to a friendly solution, initially they had very different ideas. BBC is very concerned about this problem so that’s why we decided to report about it.

BBC noticed that the republic of Uruguay was leading this committee, having much more arguments and solution than other countries, one of their proposal was to put bar codes in the real medicines, this was later corrected to qr codes so you can scan it with your smart phone and know if its fake or not.

Because of the success of Uruguay during the conference BBC decided to interview one of the delegates. We ask them what about the elder people that don’t know how to use a smartphone or people who does not even have one, what will they do to know if the medicine is fake or not. After thinking more deeply our question, the delegate told us the following, “they will only be some specific drug stores set by the government were you can buy the medicines, the others will be illegal and banned”, so we decided to ask the Republic of Uruguay about the other drug stores and what will happen with them economically if only the governments were able to sell medicines. The Uruguayan delegates didn’t think about this point of view and after thinking for a while they told us that the other drug stores could require a special permission from the government to operate legally if they qualify for it.

Uruguay and Norway were leading the committee at that point and in an interview made to one of the delegates of Norway, we asked them about the suggestions they have to solve this issue, they give us five suggestions that were all taken in account in the final agreement, their suggestions were: Fully aware of the impact fake medicines have on society, expressing their concern about the mortality rate, keeping in mind each country’s sovereignty, bearing in mind the declaration of humans rights, recommend and promote universal health care in order to obtain authentic medicines, and make the United Nations help, more deeply by controlling prices and paying a percentage of the medicines costs with economical support from successful companies and developed countries government.

All the delegations were in the same block so they get all together for a solution, all the delegates agreed the following: Fully aware of the impact fake medicines have on society, expressing their concern about the mortality rate, keeping in mind each country’s sovereignty, bearing in mind the declaration of humans rights, recommend and promote universal health care in order to obtain authentic medicines, and make the United Nations help, more deeply by controlling prices and paying a percentage of the medicines costs with economical support from successful companies and developed countries government, deeply concerned about the mind altering effects of fake medicines, encourages an increase in border security in member states, emphaticizes the importance of raising awareness of fake medicines in school, public areas, television and radios, supports the work currently being done by organizations such as WHO and Interpol, Calls upon pharmastical company to utilize technology in order to secure the packaging of authentic medicines, suggest the usage of online databases in order to monitored and verify medicines dealers and finally, make the usage of qr codes mandatory in medicines to verify its veracity.

This was a very successful committee that end up in a very good agreement for all the delegations involved.