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The elimination of racism, racial, discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance is an issue I am interested to see the solutions for. The delegates are working on a pressing issue that has been attempted to be solved for decades. Racism is when a person is discriminated against because of the color of their skin or ethnicity. This includes denying a person a basic human right such as healthcare or education.

The BBC writes many articles on racism, specifically in sports or governments. The BBC writes about unrepresented peoples and how the way political leaders act affect the country's actions. However, the BBC does pride itself on being unbiased so in order to talk about racism, the reporter must state facts and not become opinionated. But, just by having articles about discrimination, the issue is put into the forefront of people's minds.

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I hope to interview the following delegations, Cameroon, China, Iran, Pakistan, Russia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Ireland, New Zealand, Finland, Chile, and The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. These delegations are from a variety of locations and have varying ideas on racism. Some have a past of slavery and the issue of racism is entrenched into the culture or society of the nation.

As I entered the first committee room, SOCHUM I, the delegates were already in an informal consultation. Many delegates were working diligently to get their ideas in the final resolution. The Republic of Finland believes that “educating children from a young age could help them to not have racial prejudices.” Lao People’s Democratic Republic believes that programs to help persons affected by xenophobia will greatly help victims. The informal consultation ended and the delegates chose to go into the line-by-line-review. Most delegations signed on to the final resolution. Some main clauses included encouraging countries to educate the public on all forms of discrimination as well as equality through media campaigns. Right before I left the committee, the delegations all agreed and the resolution was passed. Next I headed to the SOCHUM 2 committee. These delegates had two draft resolutions in progress. There was some friction between the groups. Most countries had already merged to create one document. There was one group that felt that they were not represented in the other’s resolution. However, after a bit of work and compromise they were ready to combine and move on to the line-by-line review. “Our favorite solution is education on racial discrimination through seminars and workshops” said the delegation of the Republic of Cameroon. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg told me that their favorite solutions were “eliminating racist social media content and having educational

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institutions establish ongoing curriculums that teach about cultural awareness and toleration.”

“Education” says the delegate of Belarus, a collective idea that every delegation agrees could help end racism. The SOCHUM 2 committee achieved consensus and all countries sponsored the final resolution. These delegates worked very hard throughout the week, congratulations!