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“For Women’s Rights!”

Advancement of women is a delicate, but interesting topic. Nowadays, we’ve seen a lot of women around the world fighting for their rights and for their voices to be heard. In today’s world, it’s normal for women to be scared when walking alone at night, for them to be the ones in charge of the house and the kids, and to be obedient.

In some parts of the world, women are even considered to be less worthy than men. However, in the UN, representatives from all over the world take action to eradicate discrimination and promote the protection of the rights of women as well as gender equality.

Delegates from the MMUN ECOSOC committee discussed how they can protect the rights of women. Our expectations from this committee were to see more conflicts and more disagreements from all delegates. We expected to see conflicts coming from the delegations representing the Middle East, as well as Latin America, considering the latest events that

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occurred in some of their countries. Unexpectedly, the BBC saw really good relationships between the delegates as they shared their ideas. First of all, the representatives of Latin America and Africa found a lot of similarities so they decided to unite their ideas (and so did Europe and Asia). Nevertheless, we thought that their solutions weren't as good alone as if they all worked together. We decided to interview some delegates when they seemed to have decided to take the leader spot and guide all the people that agreed with them.

For example, the delegation of China believed that in order to protect women's rights, the committee should raise awareness and support all women, as well as promote gender equality and eradicate gender harassment. On the other hand, Honduras expressed the idea of encouraging them to speak up and empowering them to create support groups to help women. Also, adding female representation in the workforce would be the solution to this topic.

We asked other delegates about their positions and possible solutions regarding this topic and the BBC was surprised to see Europe decided to support pregnant women and provide whatever they needed. We asked around to delegates representing European countries if they had more solutions that included younger women, teenagers, and not just pregnant women. Some answers were related to education and encouraging girls to achieve their goals, such as getting better jobs and help them be financially stable. Lastly, we spoke to a delegate from Africa. What were their solutions? The BBC heard ideas like improving education, raising hygiene standards (so women can have easier access), and informing girls of the repercussions of child pregnancy.

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Later, all of the delegates, encouraging each other to come up with more ideas, came to the conclusion that combining their papers would be the best option, considering that both groups were aiming for pretty similar solutions and they could compliment each other. We believe that this committee ended the topic on good terms and had great teamwork. To conclude this article, the BBC would like to share a wonderful, fantastic, wise quote from one of the Chairs of ECOSOC: "I like MMUN!"