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There are many problems when it comes to food. Whether it be nutritional, scarcity, or obesity, food affects everyone. Farming is essential to food production and nutrition. Palestine News Network (PNN) believes sustainable food production is key to feeding the hungry. PNN also believes that this is a huge problem and requires a global effort to solve. One country alone can't solve this problem themselves. Because of this and more, on the second day of the conference, PNN visited the committee of FAO on The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World.

As a reporter for PNN I mainly focused on what can be done to improve the state of food security, and the roles of developed and developing countries in this. When I arrived at the committee room there were many differing opinions on how big of a problem food security actually is. There were some countries like Japan that believed this was a huge problem and they

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were the 2nd biggest donor to the FAO. However, there were also countries on the complete other end of the spectrum, like El Salvador, who didn't think it was a problem. As they said, "We are too busy with the problems of gang violence, and stuff like that to worry about food security." PNN believes that this is a great example of a developing country that needs help from a developed country.

The vast majority of delegations did agree that this was a major problem and needed to be solved. In an interview the delegation of Greece said, "Food security is a huge problem and needs to be solved." But food security is definitely more of a problem for developing countries than already developed countries. I interviewed several countries about this and there were very differing opinions about whose responsibility it was. The delegation of Greece said, "Countries need to work together to support each other, especially developing countries." I agree with this view that countries need to work together and most of the delegations present did as well. But not all did, the delegation of Burundi told me, "developing countries should do it on their own."

Even though all did not agree on whose responsibility it was they did come together on possible solutions for their draft resolution. Although I did not get to see their final resolution I did get to see their draft resolution. Their resolution included emphasizing the use of urban farming and indoor farming. It also included partnerships between developed and developing countries. They stressed the importance of educating farmers on proper farm rotations, making use of unused land to farm, reducing our carbon footprint, and they even came up with the idea for a worldwide holiday about educating people about this problem.

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Although I believe this is a fine resolution. PNN would like to see more about the distribution of these crops. I agree that education about proper farming techniques is key, but those techniques are useless if you can't distribute that food to countries in need. Because of this I believe they needed to add a clause about distribution of food around the world. I am glad to see the proposal for partnerships for developing countries in need. PNN believes education is the key for solving the problems of the world. I wish them luck on passing their draft resolution, and although some delegations were unable to make it I hope that they will be fine with the resolution they pass.