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Natural disasters affect every continent, and can devastate entire countries with flooding, tornados, intense storms, etc. Natural disasters' risk have increased dramatically over the past years due to climate change and human discharge on the environment. Intense storms can not only destroy environments and cities, but drain human bank accounts because of damaged property. Natural disasters can leave people homeless, hungry, and living without electricity.

Although we cannot stop natural disasters from happening, the UN delegates from around the world are working on preventing such devastating outcomes.

The BBC was pleased to see that the delegates of the MMUN ECOFIN committee had similar, yet equally effective solutions. All of the delegates felt strongly about the topic of disaster risk, and plan on focusing on how they can protect their people, their environments, and their economies. The BBC decided to interview a few delegates to see their countries' perspective on natural disasters.

Japan believed that it is crucial to take action for natural disaster damages because millions of people die and are left without homes each year. Some of their solutions were to create sea walls to prevent tsunami damage, and make earthquake proof building. Bangladesh encourages the world to use more efficient sources of power, and calls upon countries to sign

agreements such as *The Paris Agreement* to reduce the amount of carbon they produce. The USA suggested an international alert system to alert services to be prepared to rescue and attend to injured people.

The BBC observed that the countries in the committee had the similar solution of early warning systems to evacuate people early if needed. We also detected from Portugal and Romania's speeches that raising awareness and having evacuation drills would be crucial to educate children on how to properly address a natural disaster.

The BBC could see agreements in the countries' possible solutions while they began their subtopics. We applaud the delegates for working together for suggesting ideas and working together so well. Although every country had a different view, the BBC could tell that the committee worked together wonderfully. To conclude this article, the BBC applauds the ECOFIN committee for suggesting effective solutions.