

RADICALISATION BY YOUTH OR YOUTH RADICALISATION?

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The discussion started where it left off yesterday: at the topic of education. Even though it was brought to the attention of the council, that the education dimension of youth radicalisation was thoroughly debated during another session of the United Nations Security Council, the member states wanted to further bring into attention the role of other UN organs (UNDP, ECOSOC, UNESCO) in promoting education as a tool to tackle radicalization.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland successfully proposed a caucus on the role of law enforcement stating that: "brutality spawns brutality and aggression spawns more aggression, more tensions and inequality being spawned by the anti-establishment movements as those seen in Brazil". The delegates agreed that law enforcement is vital to fight radicalization; nevertheless, their opinions on this topic were nuanced. Ukraine was rhetorically asking the Council how a country can ensure law enforcement when they are under Russian occupation. The question actually received an answer from the delegation of the Russian Federation who asserted that such questions are unproductive during this session. Venezuela and China welcomed the suggestion of a stronger law enforcement while they were trying to instruct the others how their countries' fore-fathers created the perfect system they inherited. The news from Brazil spurred new debates regarding the role



of media in situations similar to the one in Brazil. Venezuela and China strongly condemned the role of media in promoting civil unrest and called for a tightened control of the media, the other delegates considering that freedom of speech and freedom of media should not be infringed in any respect.

The United States of America has proposed to the other delega-

tes to further develop the existing Strong City Network as they consider the platform an effective solution to address radicalisation at the local level. Ukraine, again, declared that the cooperation with the Russian Federation is not possible, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland strongly supported the proposal, and on the other hand Venezuela stated that the UK and the USA are just "changing sweet words between themselves about how fluffy their program is".

Poverty was reckoned as one of the important root causes of radicalisation due to increased levels of youth unemployment and lack of basic needs among the marginalised groups of the society. The member states proposed to involve ECOSOC and to emphasize the role of SDGs in combating poverty at all levels.

The day ended with news regarding the civil unrest in Brazil and the emerging protests in France and Germany, but this did not seem to change the major lines of discussion.

The essence of solidarity lies in cooperation

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International solidarity represents new concept in human rights which is crucial for international and global cooperation. International solidarity is necessary for sustainability and civil society. People around the world, and their specific national interest should be more informed about international solidarity, and they should implement these issues in their domestic law. Information system should be created, which can help with spreading the international solidarity importance to all. To reach international solidarity, global community should make a system for helping development countries.. I am looking forward to reading a new Human Rights Council resolution, and see how international community handle it.

Togetherness prevails during day 2 of EC debates

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Hopeful but wary from yesterday's clashes in the council, members of the EC found themselves face to face again with the pressing issue of policy in the post-migration era.

Firstly, the entire room went into 1 minute of silence due in an effort to recognise and acknowledge the tragic incident in Puglia - A head-on collision between two trains in southern Italy left at least 25 people dead and dozens more injured, authorities said. The prime minister of Italy thanked the presidents of the European Council, and council members for the moment of silence.

Education was the main topic of today's debate. For quite a while, too. The members also briefly touched upon economic and integration issues from yesterday.

Try to be bold, try to be strong." Sweden's member said on the policy proposal of spending money on integrating immigrants.

The topics that seemed to have been coming back from the dead were the apparent Achilles heel of the EC today.

Hungary was difficult to debate with yesterday, and today was no exception either. The occasional racist, xenophobic, and islamophobic comments made by Hungary's council member were more often given attention, rather than ignored. This led to a lot of debate time wasted on philosophical questions on morality and ethics. Is the EC crisis council really a good space to voice these questions? Issues quickly escalated into a screaming and fierce fit, that drew out Greece's member to passionately fight for basic European values.

There was a draft of a document being passed around today and council members gave the impression that policy was being actively discussed and written.

Just when it seemed like it was going well, tragedy struck. The members started discussing whether to use the word "refugee" or "asylum seeker." European politics at its best.

The president had to, however, remind the council members to stop using the terms legally and non-legally binding, because apparently they insinuated that the EC, as a body, is useless. Given today's procedure, one might stick to that idea of uselessness of the EC, much like the EC sticks to zombie topics like education.



The council members then had to face a sudden emergency in the form of two European protests. By noon over 5000 protesters gather in Paris, and another large crowd formed in Berlin by the afternoon. To mitigate threats, the French government issued a temporary ban on public gatherings to ensure security of citizens and tourists alike.

All hell broke loose in the council chamber afterward. Though, this being the EC, the chamber quickly returned to topics that were, again, considered long since thoroughly, exhaustively discussed.