

## The Question of Providing Military Aid to Turkey

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After the meeting reconvened at 12:30 pm, the resolutions presented by the delegates of The Kingdom of Norway and The Kingdom of Denmark respectively were granted a motion for extra 15 minutes to complete their resolution. At 1:45 pm, the delegates were given 10 minutes to read the opposition's resolutions. Then, each delegate was given 1 minute to elaborate on their respective resolutions, before the floor was open to enquiries, clarifications and amendments.

The resolution proposed by the delegate of The Kingdom of Norway was on the floor first. This resolution supported the stance that *NATO* should not give more Military Aid to Turkey, but they continue to support giving Humanitarian Aid. However, two amendments were put forth, one passed, and one did not. Due to constraints, only one will be elaborated on. The Kingdom of Denmark presented an amendment to mend *Clause 7, Subclause a) and b). Clauses 7a) and b)* refer to the stance that Turkey should invoke Article 5 of the *NATO agreement* on the grounds that *The treaty is supposed to give support to Turkey's security, especially in situations where there is substantial threat to Turkish security or sovereignty*. This motion was supported by the delegate of Croatia on the reasons consisting of, but not limited to, a) Turkey is not the sole aggressor in this conflict, and b) Syria has backing from other nations. This motion was opposed by delegates of The Kingdom of Norway, and The Syrian Arab Republic, because of reasons such as a) Turkey is invading Syria, and b) Turkish forces were attacked in Syrian Territory. The amendment was passed with over  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the nations voting in favour of the amendment. The resolution was not passed, as over  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the nations voted against it.

Next on the floor was the resolution proposed by the delegate of The Kingdom of Denmark. This resolution supported the stance that Turkey should be given more military aid, as that would help stabilize the region as well as the European Continent. This resolution had 2-3 proposed amendments, however, we will only elaborate on one due to constraints. An amendment to remove Clause 1 of the resolution was proposed by the delegate of The Republic of Iceland. The aforementioned amendment was presented as the delegate from the Republic of Iceland felt that a) Turkey was invading Syria, and Syria was defending, and b) Turkey is the aggressor in the situation. The delegate of The Republic of Croatia disagreed on the basis that *NATO* had to help protect Turkey and European *NATO* members from a possible invasion. Since more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the nations present voted against the amendment, it was not passed. The resolution also failed to get  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the vote, and was not passed.

The meeting then ended with both resolutions not being passed.

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