

SOCHUM Amends Working Papers

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Two draft resolutions have been suggested in SOCHUM to deal with corruption in humanitarian aid. One resolution focuses on the short-term, and is sponsored by the Russian Federation (Russia), Syria, and France. The other focuses on the long-term, and is sponsored by Japan, Canada, and the United Kingdom (UK). The committee is currently working on amending the papers and hopes to vote on them today.

The short-term resolution creates a task force that is to work with local NGOs that will investigate cases of humanitarian aid mismanagement. The task force is to be created by a panel. The task force is also to guide an endowment fund sponsored by the World Bank. The fund means to change a mentality of corruption by incentivizing moral handling of funds and boosts the local area through microeconomics. The task force is also to gather data on the use and misuse of humanitarian aid funding and sends the data to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for other goals. An amendment to the resolution suggests to give special attention to nations with large populations of refugees, should they require special attention.

The long-term resolution develops programs that help underdeveloped nations flourish by aiding with infrastructure, economic success, education, and others, supporting prosperity in the future. Funds will come from new and current donor nations and organizations like the International Rescue Committee (IRC), especially in the form of work aid. A board of directors will decide to which programs to send the funds on basis of their usefulness, and usefulness will be reevaluated every six months. The board of directors will be made up of a rotating group of a variety of nations, and the nations involved. The resolution refers urgent problems to the short-term resolution, thereby suggesting the resolutions may be passed in tandem. An amendment to the resolution requires that a plan with deadlines be submitted by a program looking for funding from the board of directors. Should a certain percent of the deadline not be met, funding would decrease.

The progression of the committee and the papers promises an end to the misuse of humanitarian funds.