

# **The World Health Organization Discusses Maternal Health Care and Abortion Rights**

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The delegate of Belgium said the session was “overall good” but “the same topics keep coming up” and not everyone that should be contributing was. A resolution proposed by one alliance was to have developed wealthy nations fund under developed nations clinics. Another alliance led by the Russian Federation was to improve all maternal healthcare and infrastructure. This plan would be available for everyone and not just underdeveloped nations. When the unmoderated caucus finished the committee moved to a moderated caucus to discuss what had just happened. The United Kingdom proposed “pass one resolution that covers everything” and to merge all resolution papers to create one paper to pass that involved all aspects that they had discussed. Although, the United Kingdom wanted to combine all papers when Spain asked if they could join as long as most of their ideas were accepted the United Kingdom was unsure if they would incorporate all of the aspects of the other resolution. The delegate of Peru proposed a plan with the acronym of F.I.R.E meaning Family Planning, Infrastructure, Respective Culture, and Education.

At the end of the moderated caucus a press report was read detailing Kenya’s new law making abortion illegal. Peru soon spoke up and stated that they are not Pro-Choice either and as a result of this there is a mental health crisis after mothers give birth. The delegate of Bangladesh spoke up saying that abortion needed to be included in the resolutions but a medium rule to satisfy the most people possible. The delegate of Honduras was quick to refute Bangladesh’s idea because it would overstep on culture and national boundaries and said that any resolution with abortion included should not pass. Syria spoke saying that mothers who don’t get help or go to professionals end up dying due to depression. Iraq believed that including abortion in a resolution would be “detrimental.” Kenya believed that the “WHO plan would be disregarded” if it included abortion. According to the United States it is the “Nation's responsibility.”