



Topic Synopsis
Plenary, Privatization of Militias

I. Background:

Becoming privatized entities, militias have been a growing problem around the world for our mission to peace. Militias are groups of people or individuals in which have no professional training in war or battle. The purpose and goal for these militiamen have both served for governmental purposes as well as purposes opposing the government. The Hezbollah and Janjaweed are just a couple of examples in which are arousing economic and political sectors. These groups impose a multitude of problems towards the global community. These militias have erupted issues such as attacking civilians, causing tension between host countries and entities, their divergence from countries and their laws, the increase in violence, the accountability for the violence, etc.

III. UN Involvement:

The UN has been quite involved with this issue due to the fact that it ties with the privatization of war as well as the issues with mercenaries. The UN has done things such as demanding the disarmament of militia groups such as the Janjaweed who has taken a large role in the conflict in Darfur. The UN has proposed numerous laws to limit militia action such as by establishing the International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The issue is the proposals passed by the UN have been disregarded several times by these militia groups. The UN has also taken involvement in filing genocide charges against the Sudanese president in July of 2008 through the International Criminal Court (ICC). On a brighter note, a ceasefire as well peace talks have been agreed upon between militia groups as well has the United Nations African Union led



efforts for peace talks for the Darfur conflict. In conclusion, the UN has taken many efforts in making peace when it comes to this issue.

IV. Possible Solutions:

There are many along a long line of possible solutions however, we must bring aid to victimized citizens and civilians. We must tend to those who have been harmed due to these militia groups. Peace talks and agreements need to be imposed at full force. We must gather other countries and educate them in the fact that the country must work together to resolve these issues and that if they continue to just think for themselves, the continuation of this will proceed.

V. Block Positions:

Obviously the African sectors as well as the Middle Eastern areas are the most involved in this issue. Many governments support these militias for that they are necessary to supposedly bring peace amongst their citizens. Certain countries out of these blocs hire these militias and mercenaries for their rivalry with other groups. This is why it is such a difficult task to bring about peace for that some groups find it necessary and we do not want to infringe upon their needs. We must educate the people and in turn the leaders of these countries of an alternate way accomplish their goals.

VI. Questions to Consider:

1. How to directly resolve the situation without breaking sovereignty?
2. What seems to be the most effective strategy in which the UN has already enforced?
3. Should we confront the militias or the government?