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The Security Council held a session in Cologne, Germany on the 10th of October 2019 on the situation in Yemen. There were a lot of points mentioned. Firstly, some very controversial statements were made. Russia and Kuwait supported anti-corruption measures to be taken in Yemen, even though they are both one of the most corrupt countries in the world.

There was a clear need to solve the humanitarian situation, seeing as the aid is not reaching the right people. The country representatives sat down to discuss different measures to be taken by the session to secure humanitarian aid, seeing as there is lack of drinkable water in the country.

However, Ivory Coast, China, Russia and Peru thought that there should be a different focus to this session. There should be a political solution to the conflict, with a centralized government and a forum for parties in the war to discuss policy issues.

Halfway through the session, BuzzFeed had the opportunity to come into the Press Conference to see how far the session has gotten. Some of the points the delegates mentioned were that the NGO's such as the Yemen Humanitarian Fund and the Redeployment Coordination Committee, should work together to secure humanitarian aid and to enforce anti-corruption measures. However, the biggest problem with that is that the NGO's heavily depend on local police forces, which may be the cause of the problem of aid not reaching the people.

Another important thing that was mentioned is that foreign intervention should be stopped with military means but that neighboring countries should collaborate in the negotiations, and that airstrikes should be announced beforehand so none operating hospitals will be bombed.

Minorities were also discussed, and the council proposed a system similar to Kenya's where tribes will be included into the policy making system so that everyone will have a say even if they are a minority.

Overall, the session was a high achievement for international cooperation and the need of Yemen may definitely be solved by the members.

