The Refugee Situation in the Mediterranean

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Everyday the issue of refugees coming into the Mediterranean region tears families apart, kills many, and will kill many more each day that it continues. This issue is getting worse and affects millions. Countries need to step in and help.

Dangerous factory emissions that travel through the air and are breathed by the refugees is an important part of this issue. Many refugees get sick from factory emissions could cause further medical complications. A delegate from Sweden suggested that the UN ask countries to limit emissions from factories in order to stop the deaths of refugees caused by this.

Refugees need jobs to start a new life and obtain basic needs in the countries they move to. But, there are not enough jobs to support refugees. There already is a job shortage but now refugees flood countries and cannot find a job to help them start a new life. The committee agreed to ask countries to recommend business make and/or find jobs to support refugees.

Finally, transportation is a major issue in the Mediterranean refugee problem. DISEC is trying to stop drowning deaths caused by the small boats that refugees take from the Middle East to European countries. The committee decided to ask countries to donate boats to the refugees’ water travel. They also need to walk on land because they do not have access to motor vehicles. The committee decided there were too many people, so cars are unusable.

The main issue with all the solutions stated is that all of them take time and money. Businesses finding and/or making jobs takes time, so does lowering emissions, as well as building or finding boats to donate.

Hopefully this resolution passes and will help refugees start a new life and will help aid in fixing the issue of refugees in the Mediterranean region.