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Disarmament Clash Over Control of the Profitable Arctic

The need to militarize in a rapid fashion is not an uncommon sight within countries. The issue of militarization has finally reached a zone in the Northern Hemisphere: The Arctic. Due to the Arctic becoming more traversable, nations from all across the globe, especially the northern nations, are competing against each other in order to develop bases and mark territory for the natural resources that have been recently discovered underneath the layers of ice.

Russia had announced their plan to reopen an old Soviet base in the East Siberian Sea. This issue was brought by the Disarmament delegates on November 4th. The delegation of Russia proclaimed that the station was meant to be used for search and rescue purposes, not for an economical gain. The delegation Venezuela brought up an interesting point that there is little to no individuals present in the Arctic zone; the delegate may have shed light on the strange purpose of “search and rescue”. The time of delegation of Russia had ended before the delegate responded, the Chair moved onto the next delegate on the General Speakers List, the delegation of Yemen.

Yemen, unlike Russia, had a different stance on the matter. The delegate of Yemen believed that the expansion and claim of the Arctic shouldn't be explored. The delegation of Japan questioned Yemen about how the distribution of resources would be spread. The delegation of Yemen retorted by stating that the resources would be divided to the countries that wanted a share of the resources. The dividing of the resources would help undeveloped countries undergo a boost in their economy.

An unmoderated caucus for 3 minutes, which was extended by 2 minutes afterwards, was put into act after the delegation of Yemen's time had run out. A talk among the delegations of Spain, Japan, Yemen, and other delegates followed in suit.

The discussion was based on the issue of what would be done about the resources in the Arctic. The delegate of Japan had declared that any involvement of the Arctic should be left untouched. Other delegates proclaimed that the land should be dividing accordingly to the nations that wanted a share of the land. Of course another problem was created, how would the land be fairly distributed with a fair share of natural resources? The delegation of Spain had declared that no country should have access to the land until the situation was thoroughly assessed; until a treaty was made regarding the issue. The unmoderated caucus ended and the debate continued on to other issues.