



UNESCO Stresses the Importance of Short Term Solutions After Terror Attack in Baghdad

After the news broke at the UNESCO Conference, delegates unified to discuss the conflict at hand. Early Saturday morning ISIS left Baghdad, Iraq robbed of priceless artifacts. Not only were the homes of thousands obliterated, but the culture of Baghdad was destroyed. UNESCO's goal is to preserve the culture in times of conflict. Pieces of art and other artifacts represent culture, history, religion, among other important representations of the nation's people. Culture attracts tourists, growing the economy for several countries. Before the attack, UNESCO debated back and forth which solution was most beneficial internationally. Topics such as educating younger generations were discussed, however it was mentioned that this solution is too far in the future for the conflict that is present today. Today, urgency was emphasized by the nations' delegates.

Vietnam addresses the terror attack in Baghdad, "What is happening in Iraq amplifies the need to quickly export artifacts out of countries that are prime targets for conflict. We are currently working on solutions that create international museums that would temporarily hold artifacts. Proceeds would go to restoring artifacts that have previously been destroyed, advancements in technology, and implementing the encouragement of education." Countries that are primarily involved in tourism are stressing the importance of short term solutions. Germany has concerns similar to Middle Eastern countries because of the avid terrorist attacks and the amount of tourism in their nation. When asked whether short or long-term solutions were more beneficial for Saudi Arabia, the delegate said that all countries are a priority for implementing long term solutions.

Some countries are against short term plans; however, it is evident that terrorist attacks are occurring in the present and need attention brought to them.

