

## **Colombia Promoting Peace Without Having It**

The SOCHUM comitee presided by Esteban Garcia and Sofia Huertas developed interestingly throughout the 3rd day of debate. The central topic was the counterterrorist measures that need to be taken into account for the Islamic terrorist groups of the a Middle East. Some of the most powerful countries in the world were set to find a non-militar resolution of this issue. Some strategies like the REPACT initiative and the RIC Plan are some education-based proposals that are being considered. Three blocks have formed, but they all agree that education is a must, when thinking about resolution. Will it be enough to face this terrorists, even when some of them are sunni and chia and their education and values are different? This education politics must be really well implemented, we will see.

Nevertheless, the concerning issue of this column is the position that the Colombian Government has taken regarding the issue. According to one of our reporters, Juan Manuel Rueda, "according to the historical context of said republic, every conflict should be treated and solved through the dialogue, not through the armed conflict, therefore suggesting the other delegations to do so instead of continuing exposing positions regarding armed conflict". Are we really claiming that Colombia is in that so-called peace? Remember that ELN peace negotiations are not being so effective, or that even some FARC ex-members are being judged today for ties with drug lords. The Colombian government is really trying to maintain a good political image in front of the UN Comitee of SOCHUM, and really we should set aside this vanity issues and really focus on the worldwide subject of terrorist.

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