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Fair Burden-Sharing and Psychosocial Support Highlighted as Priorities for Post-Conflict Reconstruction

- "Swedish and Dutch Delegations Emphasize Predictable Financial Contribution Criteria and Support for Long-Term Community Recovery" -



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The fourth informal meeting of the 4th Hallym University Model United Nations (HLMUN) was held at 7 p.m. on November 11 in Room 1163 on the first floor of the university's Engineering

Building.

Delegations discussed fair cost-sharing and the feasibility of international assistance for post-conflict reconstruction, as well as approaches to supporting communities' long-term recovery. Key issues included clear criteria for assigning responsibility among donor countries and the need for psychosocial support beyond physical reconstruction.

The Swedish delegation identified fairness in sharing the costs and responsibilities of international assistance, along with the feasibility of implementation, as its main priorities. "When burden-sharing criteria are unclear, countries shift responsibility onto one another, and residents of recipient countries ultimately suffer," the delegation explained. It argued that clear criteria are necessary to ensure that international assistance moves beyond agreements between countries and is implemented on the ground.

During discussions on amendments, the Swedish delegation also proposed a method for setting donor countries' financial contribution targets. Rather than negotiating individual targets separately for countries within the same income group, it suggested setting them as a proportion of gross national income (GNI). The delegation explained that this approach would allow donors to anticipate their financial commitments while preserving the existing principle of voluntary national contribution targets. It could therefore reduce uncertainty over burden-sharing and make international assistance more predictable.

The delegation said it hoped to discuss further details, including how to account for countries' official development assistance (ODA) records. It also proposed first applying the criteria to the

pilot project's initial funding target of US$5 million to assess whether they would work in practice. It expressed hope that subsequent discussions would continue to refine the criteria and test the framework's effectiveness through the pilot project.

The Dutch delegation emphasized that community recovery and the rebuilding of trust among residents must continue after a war ends. It called for sustained international attention and assistance to support long-term recovery, particularly through education, vocational training, and mental health services.

The issue the Dutch delegation most wanted to reflect in the amendments was the importance of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). It explained that trauma and psychological distress following conflict directly affect residents' ability to rebuild their livelihoods and participate in education. The delegation therefore sought to establish psychosocial support as an essential component of peacebuilding, alongside the reconstruction of physical

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