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Japan’s Stance on Terrorism

Terrorism has been an active issue for many centuries, and it started in France during the Reign of terror in 1793. It is a current concern throughout the globe with countless terrorist groups that are operating, and countries attempting to get rid of them. Some of the biggest terrorist organizations currently operating are ISIS and Boko Haram. ISIS, also known as The Islamic State of Iraq, has 31,000 fighters, and has single-handedly swept across an area of the Middle East about the size of Belgium. They are getting a lot of attention by committing war crimes and broadcasting themselves beheading captured soldiers on the internet. Furthermore, they have been murdering and terrorizing entire civilian populations in Iraq that do not support Sunni Islam. They have executed more than 10,000 people and are targeting mainly Syria, but have recently attacked places like France, and Belgium. There were 500 casualties in Paris, France, which made the western world realize that terrorism is still a threat to us. Boko Haram is jihadist group in Nigeria that got the world’s attention when they raided a boarding school in Chibok in the middle of the night. They have completely destroyed  entire villages and killed the inhabitants by shooting them or burning them alive. It is estimated that at least 6,742 people have been killed as a result of Boko Haram’s violence since May 2011. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy was accepted by Member States on September 8, 2006. This strategy is a Plan of Action to enhance national, regional, and international efforts to counter terrorism. The Plan of Action is a document created by the UN that describes the future actions they will take in order to prevent terrorism. Japan understands this situation and has been actively trying to combat this issue and send help to other affected countries.

Japan has a history of terrorism with such acts as the firebombingof Tokyo in 1942 which resulted in 75,000- 200,000 deaths, and is considered to be one of Japan's most devastating catastrophes. We even had nuclear weapons dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which killed at least 129,000 people and was the only use of nuclear weapons in a war.  Since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 in the USA, Japan has been constantly fighting against international terrorism. However, terrorism is not one of Japan's top concerns as we are not current targets of it. Yet Japan recognizes that many countries are suffering, and has pledged roughly 200 million dollars in non-military assistance for countries battling the Islamic State. Japan has many rules and regulations to try to terminate international and national terrorism.

Global terrorism is a huge problem and Japan recognizes this, so we believe that all countries should be taking steps to get rid of this issue. Countries should heighten their security in airports and train stations, by having more access to records of people before they enter the country or searching more people for weapons. Japan believes that in order to combat terrorism, countries must create a logical and thoughtful plan of action. We think that countries are allowing themselves to be terrorized by not expanding their security and not addressing the threat in a calm and controlled manner. In order to get to the center of the problem, there must be an investigation to arrest the leaders. We wish to create a document that will create a more unified and civilized way to combat the issue. Countries should create a safer environment for its civilians to try to catch more terrorists to prevent future attacks. If countries are not being targeted they should be sending help that is not always military service, because they could become targeted if they do. Resources and help should be sent to all targeted countries to help them recover and prevent further attacks.

Japan understands that Global terrorism is a very real threat to every country and is sending resources and help to those currently targeted. Even Though we are not targeted, be believe that security is important to prevent attacks in the future. We believe that in order to combat the terrorism in the most efficient way is to remain calm and add more security to attempt to capture terrorists. We are sending help and money to countries that are suffering and will continue to do so until the problem is solved.