

Country: Costa Rica

Committee: DISEC

Topic: Regulating the Use of Private Military and Security Companies

The expansion of private security and military firms along with their international power growth deeply worries Costa Rica. The increasing tendency represents an imminent threat to worldwide human rights protection and state sovereignty as well as international peace according to Costa Rica. These corporate entities have caused tragedy in Nisour Square while African nations suffer from ongoing horrors because they operate through legal ambiguities that permit serious crimes while protecting themselves from meaningful accountability. The presence of such entities erodes the authority of governments while creating markets for violence and fueling endless conflicts. The Montreux Document along with voluntary legal provisions fails to protect human rights and stop these crimes from happening while providing no assurance of justice for victims.

Our decision to abolish military forces in 1948 and redirect that budget to social development and healthcare and education demonstrated that investing in people rather than guns produces sustainable security. Our constitution maintains this profound dedication to peace which has guided our foreign policy throughout numerous years. Our country has consistently led regional efforts to stop PMSC operations in Latin America through the adoption of international agreements and by fighting all forms of mercenary activity. Our experience shows that human security requires respect for international law together with multilateral cooperation and strong democratic institutions instead of allowing violence to be traded as a commodity.

Costa Rica will actively promote the establishment of new international laws with binding effect in this committee for regulating these dangerous organizations. Our proposal recommends a UN treaty that imposes strict licensing requirements and complete bans on offensive combat operations and implements systems to prosecute both businesses and individual contractors who violate these regulations. A UN monitoring body needs to be created to perform investigations while promoting transparency through public access to all PMSC contracts. We must develop alternative security solutions that boost both United Nations peacekeeping operations and national defense capabilities instead of moving these essential security responsibilities to profit-driven organizations. Security and peace exist as public goods which should never become commodities for the international community to decide whether corporate armies should continue violating rules-based systems or take bold measures to establish their public nature. Costa Rica announces its readiness to lead this essential mission which aims to establish substantial alterations.