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**Committee:** Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)

**Agenda Item:** Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Military Occupation of the Gaza Strip and Its Implications

The Israel and Palestine conflict has been the most talked agenda around the globe these days. We, as the delegation of South Korea don’t usually take sides in international conflicts such as this one. However, South Korea finds itself in a difficult position because of the war between Israel and Palestine. Our president Yoon Suk Yeol has condemned Hamas’ "indiscriminate" attacks, yet he has not openly expressed support for Israel.

Although we don’t specifically take sides, we still want peace and this conflict to be solved. We support helping people and their economic development through helplines and international organizations. We also think that any contract regarding peace and reconciliation are important and should be made in solving this matter. Also, we, as the more developed countries, should fund money as much as we can, fund medicine to mobile hospitals since the other hospitals are usually bombed. We should make the safety of women, children and disabled people a priority and move them to safe and willing countries.

During a meeting between Yoon and six-member U.S bipartisan Senate delegation led by Majority Leader Chuck Schumer during the latter’s visit to Seoul, Schumer urged the South Korean government to stand with Washington in supporting Israel. But an official statement released by Yoon’s office on the meeting with the U.S Senate delegation did not mention South Korea’s commitment to Israel’s security. In another meeting, Yoon voiced concerns for the affects of the war on South Korea’s economic state. Even though we, as the delegation of South Korea, haven’t done much, we are willing to cooperate with other countries on this matter.