**Interview**

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**INTERVIEW (CNN) :** What role do you believe the UK should play in addressing the global refugee crisis? And how can the government contribute to creating sustainable solutions?

**INTERVIEWEE (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) :** The Government of United Kingdom believes that this issue is extremely important, therefore the government has already contributed by proposing schemes such as the UK resettlement scheme, which is when refugees get resettled from other countries into UK. The delegate thinks that its something that the UK Government has done to be active regarding this issue. About the measures that the UK Government can take, we think that by internationally collaborating and funding the other developing countries that are still trying to do their best to accommodate refugees.

**INTERVIEWER :** In the context of evolving geopolitical dynamics, how can the UK develop diplomatic strategies to collaborate with other nations in finding long term solutions to the refugee issue?

**INTERVIEWEE :** By defining long term solutions- as previously mentioned-, we can have international collaborations to have validation, and legal framework. We can have more conventions and treaties regarding this issue. Alongside that, we can urge the government to take action with the citizens, and not only considering the citizens but also the refugees.

**INTERVIWER (follow up) :** Could you elaborate on “legal framework”?

**INTERVIEWEE :** Legal frameworks as in, treaties and conventions. For example, we have the 1951 refugee convention for refugees, which is also something most countries have signed. The UK specifically aligns its policies and formulates its policies in a way that aligns with the 1951 refugee convention. Hence, the delegate thinks that more treaties and conventions should be formulated so that countries have a guide as to what they can look forward to in this issue.

**INTERVIEWER :** Education is a key aspect of sustainable refugee solutions. How can the UK work with international partners to ensure access to quality education for refugee children? How can this contribute to long term stability?

**INTERVIEWEE :** The UK is also working behind educating refugees in the UK itself. So as soon as the refugees come to UK, they are provided with translators and people who will make them learn English, which is utilized in the workplace in UK which increases chances of the inclusivity of communities. Alongside that, education plays a very importance role, since every country needs to educate its refugees about how the country works, and essentially about how the workplace system is to make them feel more in the mainstream to include them. This can contribute to political stability since refugees bring out a lot of skills to the table- new talents to the table- and UK also believes that if every country utilizes its refugee potential, each country can excel more so.

**INTERVIEWER :** Given the rapidly changing nature of conflicts and crises, how do you propose the UK can stay adaptable and responsive in its approach to addressing the refugee issue over the coming years?

**INTERVIEWEE :** The delegate thinks that the UK has taken plenty of measures regarding this issue. However, the delegate would like to recommend international cooperation- like stated before. The delegate would like to have more legal frameworks in this regard and provide funding to developing countries that are trying to accommodate refugees to boost their potential.

**INTERVIEWER :** How should the UK engage with the private sector to create job opportunities for refugees, fostering economic self sufficiency and reducing dependency on humanitarian aid?

**INTERVIWEEE :** The UK has already done this by promoting the private sector to hire refugees. There has yet to be a law made about it yet, but the Delegate of United Kingdom would like to see a law being made about this. This is because refugees- like stated before- bring new skills and new talents to the table. So, the UK definitely encourages hiring refugees in the private sector.

**INTERVIEWER :** How can the UK work within the framework of international law and human rights to ensure that the strategies for addressing the refugee issue are both effective and ethical?

**INTERVIEWEE :** The UK is already working towards this. We have the UK resettlement scheme and the ‘One Enable Persons’ scheme to help people. Alongside that, the delegate thinks that the UK is advancing towards this issue by collaborating internationally. It is providing funds to other countries that are trying to accommodate refugees. The UK has taken plenty of measures regarding this issue. And, the delegate thinks that the Government of United Kingdom could urge all developed and wealthy countries’ governments to contribute, just like the UK does.

**INTERVIEWER (follow up) :** Could you elaborate on the human rights part? How do you think the UK can work with human rights to ensure that the refugee issue is both effective and ethical?

**INTERVIEWEE :** The UK believes that providing refugees that have to come to seek asylum with basic necessities, they should be made available, they should have access to basic health care services. The UK believes that providing funding or collaborating with nations internationally, for example, Red Cross collaborating with the nations could help the countries in advance by providing basic necessities. Red Cross has already collaborated with an organization called Blue Shield to actually implement these measures to make basic necessities available to the refugees. Alongside that, the delegate thinks that urging all governments to make sure that the refugees are taken care of in terms of human rights, since refugees have always been a topic that’s been undermined. International collaboration and funding, along with making international laws on giving human rights to refugees, providing them with the basic services, basic healthcare, basic food needs will solve the issue.