

France in hot waters for repeated controversial statements about labor conditions

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Sub-heading: "France has said some really contradicting statements..." says Yemen in UNHRC.

In the UNHRC, since the first day of discussions, France has been in hot water for the hypocritical and controversial statements made by the delegation. From topics about France's relationship with the EU to France blaming the Russia-Ukraine war for almost every problem in the country, France is surrounded not just by controversy, but also media scrutiny.

France is known to be an extremely influential and powerful country, considering it is part of the P5 nations and has the 7th largest GDP in the world. In a speech regarding the gig economy, the delegate of France ended with a statement talking about how France is not an underprivileged country but is still not living the "highlife."

This statement caused a surge of questions towards France, calling out the country for not realizing its major influence on other countries and the world economy.

In a following interview by ABC News, France was asked what they truly meant by the statement. The delegate replied, "Because of the Russia-Ukraine war, France isn't really in a position to let the country (France) flourish." The delegate continued, mentioning the tense political situation, which hindered the ability of the government to address issues within the gig economy. When France was asked about the effects faced by France due to the Russia-Ukraine war, France answered, "The lack of resources and materials to build infrastructure and development has caused an energy crisis, putting economic pressure on France."

Has this economic pressure apparently hindered the government's ability to provide for its needy people?

The delegate of France continuously goes back to the effects of the Russia-Ukraine war without realizing France is an extremely important and vital country to the UN and has a major influence on Europe. This sparks questions about how efficient and capable the French government is in recovering from the effects of war and termination of trade contracts. Does France only rely on trade from Russia? Does the French government not have sufficient resources to run its own country?

In committee, France was repeatedly questioned about the government's efficiency and ability to recover from the effects of the Russia-Ukraine war, and France continuously restated the initiatives made by France. However, the committee and press were dissatisfied. Another delegate, Yemen, was targeted by media houses, considering the heated debate between Yemen and Lebanon the day before. ABC News interviewed the delegate of Yemen over the statements

made by France. In response, Yemen said that "France has made some really contradicting statements," and that many arguments made by France were "pointless to this committee."

In conclusion, France has been called out for many contradicting and pointless arguments. While France has tried to involve its government in protecting the rights of workers in the country, it will remain viewed as a nation the world cannot trust when the country cannot depend on its own resources and funds to run itself.

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