**COUNTRY :** Finland

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

**QUESTION OF :** Effects of Foreign Companies on the Economies and Politics of Central American Nations

We already know that we should solve the problem about effects of foreign companies on the economies and politics of Central American Nations. The main problem in this regard is that foreign companies, instead of contributing to the economy of Central American countries, destroy the cultural and social structure of Central American countries and harm people and countries due to harsh labor conditions etc.

Central America (Spanish: América Central or Centroamérica) is the central geographic region of the Americas. It is the southernmost, isthmian portion of the North American continent, which connects with South America on the southeast.

When considered part of the unified continental model, it is considered a subcontinent. Central America consists of seven countries: Belize, Costa Rica , El Salvador, Guatemla Honduras, Nicaragua , and Panama.

Central America is part of the Mesoamerican biodiversity hotspot, which extends from northern Guatemala through central Panama. It is bordered by Mexico to the north, the Caribbean Sea to the east, the North Pacific Ocean to the west, and Colombia to the south-east.

The economy of Central America is the eleventh-largest economy in Latin America, behind Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Colombia. According to the World Bank, the nominal GDP of Central America reached 204 billion US Dollar in 2010, as recovery from the crisis of 2009, where gross domestic product (GDP) suffered a decline to 3.8%. The major economic sectors are agriculture  and tourism, although the industrial sector has shown strong growth, mainly in Panama.

Foreign companies which works in central America have been known to violate labor rights, including paying low wages, providing unsafe working conditions, and preventing workers from organizing and advocating for their rights. This is the problem that we must solve.

Although we, as Finland,we think that foreign investments have positive effects on the economy, we also act by considering our social responsibilities. We take a more constructive stance on this issue because foreign companies working in Central American countries sometimes harm and do not respect local communities, workers, the culture and environment of Central American countries. Foreign companies will not take any action that will disturb the Central American countries, and in this way, the economies of the Central American countries will develop and their people and environment will not be harmed,

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