impasse /ɪmˈpɑs/ noun

a situation in which it is impossible to continue with a discussion or plan because the people involved cannot agree

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