

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **22**

Assignment: **F**

Country: **Djibouti** School: **Highland MS** City: **Louisville**

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Title: **An act to decrease the use of khat, a narcotic drug, in Djibouti.**

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause:

The use of khat, a narcotic drug with side effects including, but not limited to: increased rate of heart attacks, aggressiveness and anxiety, paranoia, and, in extreme cases, psychosis is a huge problem in Djibouti. Khat is a social custom, as alcohol is in the United States, going back thousands of years. The alarming statistics state that the drug, which is still illegal in Djibouti, is being used daily by 95% of the population, approximately 914,000 people. Parents in Djibouti are so addicted to the drug, that they will choose it over food for themselves and their families, making many children malnourished.

Section I: This proposal is an attempt to decrease the khat abuse in Djibouti.

Section II: Djibouti proposes to send representatives from The World Health Organization to educate the population about the dangers of khat.

Section III: The program will involve the whole village, but mostly the children. By showing the citizens the effects of khat, we hope to prevent children and teenagers from becoming addicted to khat like their elders. The World Health Organization will oversee the educators in the area and report progress to the United Nations.

Section IV: The government of Djibouti will send brochures with writing and pictures depicting the dangers of khat and broadcast public service announcements on all TV and radio stations. This program will cost up to \$200,000 and will be funded by The World Health Organization, The United Nations and private donations.

Section V: This proposal will go into effect on May 3, 2014.