

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **24**

Assignment: **A**

Country: **Greenland**

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Title: **An act to make Greenland an official UN country.**

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

Justification Clause: Regarding UN representation, Greenland is currently not an official UN country; it falls under the governance of Denmark. Due to the island's many social and environmental issues, Greenland should be able to appeal to the for UN for assistance directly, not just accept any funding Denmark feels is necessary. Greenland has serious social problems and needs the direct help of the UN.

Section I: 50% of all social problems and financial problems are abuse of alcohol and drugs, mainly hash/cannabis. Consequences are a high percent of family violence, sexual abuse of children, serious crime, homelessness, suicide, early pregnancies, sexual related disease and accidental death, i.e drowning. One in three girls in Greenland is sexually abused.

Section II: Greenland is a world leader in the rate of suicide - one in four will attempt suicide. The suicide rate in Greenland has increased since the 1970's from a historically very low level to one of the highest levels in the world.

Section III: Warming temperatures have changed Greenlandic life. Winter pack ice that covers the fjords is no longer stable enough for dog sledding and snowmobile traffic in many areas. Winter fishing, essential to feeding families, is becoming hazardous or impossible. According to UNICEF every sixth child in Greenland suffers from malnutrition and goes to bed and school hungry.

Section IV: Infant mortality rates were significantly higher in Greenland than in Denmark, and 37% Greenland's women become diabetic during their pregnancy.

Section V: A very low percentage of teachers are actually from Greenland. In primary school 66% of the teachers are from Greenland, around 10% of teachers in high school are from Greenland and less than 5% of teachers in the university level are from Greenland. 2 % of students actually attain a university degree. The school system in Greenland is also very young at about 30 years old.

Section VI: Greenland has become a desired mining destination for foreign countries. To preserve the environment (particularly air and water), Greenland will need the UN to monitor other countries utilizing Greenland's resources of minerals and petroleum products to prevent them from damaging our environment.

Section VII: This proposal will become active upon its passing.