

# KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL PROPOSAL

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Country: **Afghanistan**

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Title: An act to to build, upgrade, and support hospitals through funding from the UN which could serve as a model for other developing countries

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

Justification Clause: There are so few hospitals in Afghanistan that a heavily pregnant 15 year old girl had to travel eight days on the back of a donkey just to reach a hospital. She gave birth to twins but died shortly after due to seizures and high blood pressure. She is only one of thousands of women who die in Afghanistan each year from complications due to pregnancy and birth. Considering that due to 12 years of war, the healthcare system in Afghanistan has disintegrated to the point of complete ineffectiveness, including the fact that the number of doctors per 100,000 people stands at 20 (currently in the bottom 25 in the world) in comparison to 110 in most developing nations and 240 in the US; Realizing the infant mortality rate is 121 per 100,000 births (which is worst in the world), that the maternal mortality rate is 460 per 100,000 births (in comparison, the US rate is 13.3), and understanding that with preventable yet uncontrolled diseases such as Hepatitis A, Cholera, Malaria, Polio and Tuberculosis rampant among displaced persons from Afghanistan, refugees pose a significant health threat to the nations they enter, we request the following:

Section I: As used in this proposal, "hospital" shall mean a 115,000 square foot unit including self-contained utilities, obstetrics facilities, emergency trauma centers, surgery units, radiology capability, a lab, pharmacy, physical therapy department, outpatient services, an education center, and necessary support services. The construction cost per hospital is \$5.1m.

Section II: The U.N. Department of Humanitarian Affairs shall oversee the delegation of an initial aid package from the U.N. Special Programs Budget of \$90m (8.8% of the 2012-2013 SPB) to be distributed in the following way: Fifteen hospitals shall be constructed, each with an allotted budget of \$6m. The remaining \$900k per hospital not used in the construction shall be used to purchase an initial supply of resources (i.e. medicine, fuel for utilities, etc.)

Section III: Afghanistan will match the \$90m provided by the UN by adding a 2% sales tax on to luxury goods. Total export funds accumulated by Afghanistan is already at 376m as of 2012 so the amount used for the hospital would only be around 25%.

Section IV: Security for each hospital will be guarded by the trained Afghan military which has been trained by the US soldiers for the past ten years, so by the time US soldiers withdraw from Afghanistan, the Afghan military will be able to guard each individual hospital.

Section V: As the timeframe for stable implementation is limited due to impending U.S. withdrawal, and since the necessary framework for this is already in place, this project will be implemented 90 days after its passage. Construction shall be completed by June of 2014.