

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **5**

Assignment: **A**

Country: **Greenland**

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Title: **A proposal to initiate a limit of CO2 emissions allowed for each country in the United Nations**

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Justification Clause: In the past 20 years, sea levels have been rising about 0.14 inches per year, which is about twice the average speed at which it has been rising in the past 80 years. This is the result of increased heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere. Glaciers and ice sheets, much like that of Greenland, are gradually melting which causes these sea levels to rise. The increasing of the sea levels will eventually affect water-bordering countries more and more as the levels rise. If this continues, drastic changes will occur worldwide. Our proposal will aide in protecting our world and help many countries become aware of their harmful lifestyles and their repercussions.

Section I: The limit for countries will be set per capita in tons/capita or in emissions in million metric tons of CO2. The limit will be set at 5 tons/capita and 1,000 million metric tons.

Section II: Any country exceeding the limit set in Section 1 will be subject to fines depending on how far they surpass the limit. For every ton/capita a country goes over the limit they will be fined \$1 million or \$2 million for every million tons they add to the limit if the country has less than 5 tons/capita (i.e. China who has 6,534 million metric tons of CO2 but only 4.91 tons/capita.

Section III: The limit will be enforced by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and will collect the fines annually. Any country failing to pay the fines will be suspended from the U.N. for one year. If they fail to do so 3 times, it will result in suspension until all fines are paid off.

Section IV: The money collected from the fines will go to the United Nations Environment Programme to fund research for the rising sea level issues and other environmental causes.

Section V: The proposal will take effect the year after its passing.