

# KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL PROPOSAL

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Title: A proposal to combat Sex Trafficking

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

Justification Clause: Currently there are 27 million slaves in the world. The United Nations estimates that approximately 4 million men, women, and children have been SOLD into slavery; of which 80% are victims of sex trafficking. Crossing international borders, the sex trade is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world generating approximately \$32 billion annually. Sex trafficking constitutes modern day slavery, representing a silent war where both traffickers and the trafficked are difficult to identify, prosecute, and protect. Every country in the world is affected by sex trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. For these reasons, there is no better forum to address sex trafficking than through the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the United Nations.

Section One: "Trafficking in persons" (including sex trafficking) is a crime against humanity under the enslavement provision of the Palermo Protocol as part of the UN Convention against Organized Crime. The UN will establish a new committee whose focus will be to enforce the Palermo Protocol and to provide intervention in the following areas in order to abolish sex slavery: assisting in liberating the victims, prosecuting the traffickers, providing medical, educational, and legal assistance to those victimized by sex trafficking, and to spread global awareness of this atrocity.

Section Two: This committee will assist local and national governments in their efforts to find and liberate the victims of sex slavery. "Smart raids" and the use of international intelligence may be used. In addition, the committee aims to spread global awareness of sex trafficking. UN countries will be asked to hold conferences and take on the responsibility of informing their citizens on the hardships endured by the victims of sex trafficking.

Section Three: Once arrested, organized crime leaders may be charged with Crimes Against Humanity at the International Criminal Court (ICC) for their involvement with the sex trafficking trade. The United Nations will provide legal counsel to the victims to ensure they are protected and are aware of their legal rights. To encourage cooperation by sex slavery victims, who may be testifying against the traffickers, asylum may be offered. The UN will help establish a policy that will allow victims to remain in the country legally and obtain work visas/IDs if necessary to avoid deportation. Reparations for victims and governments may be awarded by the ICC.

Section Four: Helping sex trafficked victims adjust to normal life will be an essential part of the committees plan. With the help of UN organizations such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT), the International Child Labor Organization (ICLO), and the International Labor Organization (ILO) who will team with NGOs such as Free the Slaves, Amnesty International, Polaris Project, International Justice Mission and the End It Movement, they will provide medical care, counseling, educational services, housing and other assistance needed in order to help promote the well-being of former sex slaves.

Section Five: Funding will come from reparations awarded victims and governments by the ICC. Other sources of funding will be provided by UN agencies and NGO's as aforementioned in Section Four of this proposal as well as by UN member nations.

Section Six: This proposal shall go into effect one year after passage.