

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **48**

Assignment: **D**

Country: **Maldives** School: **Scott Co. HS** City: **Georgetown**
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Title: **An act to allocate funding to install floating house technology to counteract rising sea levels.**

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

Justification Clause: Everyday, reports are mentioned of climate change and the resulting increase in sea levels. Although many continue to debate whether the cause of such changes is global warming, the statistical repercussions are undeniable. The global temperature is increasing more rapidly than ever before, with all of the ten warmest years on record occurring since 1995. Sea levels have risen by over .13 inches in the past year alone, which adds up to over an inch in less than a decade. Such water level increases have wreaked havoc all over the world, however the effects have been felt especially in extremely low-lying nations such as the Maldives.

The islands in the archipelago that comprises the Maldives have an average elevation of only 1.6 meters, although some of the lower areas in the nation are not above sea level at all. With such low-lying areas, even the slightest increase in sea levels has a devastating effect on the Maldives and all who live there.

Section I: To help alleviate the dangers to citizens of the "sinking" Maldives, the United Nations shall provide funding to install the already-developed floating structure technology to allow Maldivian citizens to remain in their homeland and not be displaced or place a burden on other nations.

Section II: Citizens who live within one meter above current sea level or less, and therefore are affected the most, will be the first eligible to be serviced by the program. The after they are serviced, program participation will move inward. Participation will be voluntary, yet strongly encouraged.

Section III: Funding will be drawn from the already-established United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) since Maldivian citizens will become environmental refugees if their plight is not addressed.

Section IV: The floating house technology will consist of a series of connected dwellings that are capable of adapting to rising sea levels, are environmentally friendly, and are self-sustainable.

Section V: This proposal will be enacted within a minimum of six months from the date of passage.