

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **16**

Assignment: **D**

Country: **Greenland**

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Title: **An act to request support to gain independence from Denmark.**

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

Justification Clause: Greenland is a self-ruled territory in the Kingdom of Denmark. Although it was granted home rule in 1979, the Danish government is still in charge of foreign affairs, defense, police and justice, as well as financial policy. Greenland is a resource rich country relatively close to the United States which would allow for it to become economically independent and thus grant Greenland the ability to become independent from Denmark.

Section I: Under the self-government agreement, Greenland gets half of any proceeds from oil or minerals. The other half goes to Denmark, to be deducted from the grant of 3.4 billion kroner, or \$637 million, that it gives Greenland each year. The hope is that eventually the subsidy can cease altogether and Greenland will be ready for independence.

Section II: Greenland has relied on Denmark for nearly half a billion dollars in welfare each year. From its new found resources Greenland can cover these expenses itself and become economically self sufficient.

Section III: Because of Global Warming, Greenland's massive icecap has melted and exposed vast new deposits of valuable minerals and new opportunities for the island. Greenland has one of the world's largest deposits of rare earth metals which provide for the manufacturing of cell phones, wind turbines and electric cars.

Section IV: It is believed that the northern part of Greenland is rich in gas and oil. Global warming is increasing the potential of oil drilling and mining for minerals such as diamond and gold. The geopolitical importance of Greenland will also increase when new shipping lanes connecting Europe, America and Asia open after the Arctic ice cap recedes. As a result Greenland could become the first sovereign nation created by climate change.

Section V: Because of the reasons stated in this proposal we are asking the United Nations to support Greenland in their quest for independence.

Section VI: This proposal will go into effect immediately upon passage.