

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **25**

Assignment: **C**

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Title: A proposal to commence investments in mining valuable minerals in The Gambia.

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

JUSTIFICATION CLAUSE: Resource mining in The Gambia has always been looked at by the government of the country as an avenue to a sustainable economy that would benefit its people. The opportunity that the Gambia has to harvest valuable minerals used across the globe is crucial to providing for its people. The Gambia, having one-third of its population living below the international poverty line, relies upon its natural resources and has begun to look towards investments into its mining industry in order to further support its people.

SECTION I: The Gambia contains beach sand deposits which hold valuable minerals, such as Zircon, Rutile, and Ilmenite. These minerals, being rare in other countries, are sought after for their gold and diamond- like qualities. A ton usually sells for \$750 to \$1,000 US dollars, which translates to about 6,000 African Rands.

SECTION II: The Gambia is one of Africa's smallest and poorest nations, ranking 168th out of 187 countries in the United Nations Development Program's 2011 human development index. Poverty is widespread, pervasive and predominantly rural. Approximately three quarters of the rural population is classified as poor. Despite economic growth of more than 4 percent in recent years, nearly 60 percent of the population falls below the overall poverty line and 40 percent below the food poverty line.

SECTION III: Deciding to invest in Gambian mining would help its people and help support an adequate economy. If they made an investment in this mining project, Gambia would be more a more sustainable country and also, in time, be more apt to give contributions back to the UN.

SECTION IV: The funds and actions of this proposal would be overseen by ambassadors from the UN already in the country to prevent deception or mismanagement of the money.

SECTION V: Upon this passage, this proposal should be implemented within 2 years.