

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

Proposal #: **39**

Assignment: **H**

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Title: **An act to reduce the percentage of slash and burn agriculture used in New Zealand**

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

Justification Clause: In the native Maori culture of New Zealand, slash and burn agriculture is a common way to grow crops. These practices are detrimental to the delicate balance of New Zealand's ecosystems.

Section I: We propose to raise awareness of the harmful effects of slash and burn agriculture amongst farmers in New Zealand. We plan to do this by creating a program that provides educational resources to farmers to help them in the switch to sustainable agriculture. This program would also promote the switch to sustainable agriculture by providing a one time government stimulus payment to farmers who make the change to sustainable agriculture practices. This program would also provide subsidies to farmers during a 3 year transition period.

Section II: Sustainable agriculture is described as the practice of farming methods that have a minimal impact on the environment. These methods include crop rotation/variation and growing organically.

Section III: We plan to get financial support by asking for a loan of 120 million dollars from the United Nations Food and Agriculture organization to finance the start up of this program. We will reimburse the UN by taking .4% percent of the profits from agricultural exports and using it to pay back the loan. The loan will be paid off in 5 years according to current GDP estimations.

Section IV: The apportionment of funds will be regulated by the New Zealand Government's Department of Agriculture. Farmers will apply to receive stimulus payments to switch to sustainable agriculture.

Applications will include the compliance to a set of guidelines created by a board of agricultural trustees that will be appointed by the New Zealand Government. There will also be a UN representative on this board of trustees that will educate the farmers on the environmental and economic benefits of switching to sustainable agriculture. Farmers will be instructed to purchase and implement certain materials with their stimulus payments once they are received. Farmers will also be instructed in how to implement these practices in their fields.

Section V: There will be an inspector designated by New Zealand's Department of Agriculture that will serve on the board of trustees. The inspector will survey all farmers at the end of each growing season to ensure that funds are spent properly. Misappropriation in funds will result in an immediate fine of 50% of their stimulus payment.

Section VI: The main goal of this program is to reduce 35% of slash and burn agriculture and replace it with sustainable practices by 2018. Farmers that successfully make the transition will be awarded a bonus sum of 5% of their yearly profit.

Section VII: This proposal will be enacted upon passing in the General Assembly.