

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY  
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

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Proposal #: **60**

Assignment: **D**

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Country: **Costa Rica**

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Title: **An act to control pesticide usage and soil erosion in Costa Rica.**

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

Justification Clause:

Costa Rica was once almost completely covered in forest; however, since World War II, Costa Rica has lost nearly 80% of its forests. Much of this land was cleared for farming purposes, which incorporates the usage of harmful pesticides. The deforestation allows water to erode the topsoil, and wash the pesticide into larger bodies of water, and endanger the population. Studies have shown that heavy pesticide usage in rural areas of Costa Rica has led to various forms of cancer. Currently the government lacks proper equipment and personnel to enforce guidelines already in place.

Reforestation of Costa Rica will help keep the soil in place, and keep harmful chemicals out of the water supply, and stricter guidelines will keep farms from using many of the harmful pesticides on their crops.

Section I: Air and water standards set by the Division of Environmental Health will be enforced, and qualified personnel will be appointed to monitor pesticide usage of farms. These guidelines will be strictly enforced, and punishable by a fine, which may vary depending on the severity.

Section II: Areas around farms will be prioritized for reforestation to prevent further soil erosion, and prevent chemicals from leaving farmland. Reforestation will also provide new habitat for many of Costa Rica's threatened or endangered animals.

Section III: Loggers will be required to obtain a permit, and adhere to strict limits; thereby limiting future erosion due to unregulated deforestation.

Section IV: All guidelines will be enforced by the Costa Rican Ministry of Health, and Division of Environmental Health.

Section V: This proposal will go into effect within 90 days of passage