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Assignment:



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Title: An act to have the UN Human Rights Council investigate governmental violations of Internet censorship as defined by right number ninety.

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Justification Clause: "Arab Spring," also known as the "Arab Awakening," is a term used to describe a revolutionary wave of demonstrations and protests occurring in the Arab world that began in 2010. These protests have thrived due in part to the use of social media to organize, communicate and raise awareness to governments' attempts at Internet censorship. A war on corruption, free and fair elections and an economic reform are now the issues filling opposition websites and blogs in Jordan. There are government restrictions on access to the Internet. The government monitors electronic correspondence and Internet chat sites. Individuals and groups are unable to express their views freely via the Internet, including by e-mail. After implementation of the Information System Crime Law in 2010, making Web site owners responsible for all content on their sites, groups began shifting to social media to express their views and opinions and to organize demonstrations. The Ministry of Interior continues to monitor Internet cafes via video cameras. The ministry also requires cafe owners to register users' personal data, submit records of visited Web sites, and prevent access to "targeted" Web sites, as determined by the ministry.

Section I: A special task force will be formed by the Human Rights Council to support the right to access intellectual property on the Internet as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Section II: This task force will be made up of special rapporteurs, special representatives, independent experts and working groups that monitor, examine, advise and publicly report on the government's Internet censorship in Jordan.

Section III: Failure to follow the guidelines proposed in the UDHR will result in UN sanctions against the country of Jordan. (Those measures that do not involve the use of armed force are known as "sanctions").

Section IV: Funding will be provided by the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Section V: This proposal will go into effect January 1, 2014.