## KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY OFFICIAL PROPOSAL

Proposal #: 65

Assignment:

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Title: An act to request UN Peacekeeping forces to help establish neutral zones for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of Syria and help distribution of aid

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

Justification Clause: For the past 2 years, a civil war has raged in Syria between President Bashar al-Assad and his government and rebel forces, the Free Syrian Army. During this time of conflict, 70,000 Syrians have been killed, more than 860,000 Syrians have fled to neighboring countries, and several million have been displaced inside Syria. It is expected for the number of Syrian refugees to reach over a million by the beginning of April 2013. To date, more than \$1.5 billion has been pledged by countries worldwide to provide humanitarian assistance to civilians affected by the conflict. Despite the overwhelming donations, the efforts by the different world volunteer agencies to distribute this aid to those in need have been compromised by the violence.

Section 1: In the beginning of February 2013, Assad and rebels agreed to a temporary ceasefire to allow some aid to IDPs in Syria who were until that point unreachable. This proposal will utilize the UN Peacekeeping forces to negotiate with the two sides for continued ceasefires to allow civilians in these isolated areas to gain access to the aid and reach areas outside of the warzone so that they may feel safe.

Section II: This proposal will also utilize the established offices of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) to help establish camps inside neutral zones for IDPs. These camps will be established so that those wishing not to leave Syria and live in refugee camps will have a safe place to settle and have access to food, water, and medical supplies.

Section III: The DPKO will help local police protect the civilians of Syria to ensure their human rights are being upheld and protect them from violence and exploitation of women and children in the camps.

Section IV: This proposal will go into effect upon passage.