

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal

Proposal # 1

Proposed by Afghanistan

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Action on Proposal

City: Newport ____ Defeated

A Proposal to protect animals (in zoos and those listed as endangered) in war zones

Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Justification Clause: In 2003, during the invasion of Iraq, a zoo in Baghdad lost all but 12 of its 600 animals to starvation and war. Currently, there are approximately 40 zoos in countries like Iran and Pakistan, each with 100s of animals who are slowly dying from dehydration and malnutrition due to ongoing conflicts.

Section 1: Currently, there are no statutes in place to protect animals in the Geneva Convention. Our proposal will attempt to change this by adding an amendment to Geneva Convention. Our proposal will attempt to change this by adding an amendment to Geneva Convention IV Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War to protect animals.

Section 2: WSPA (World Society for the Proection of Animals) in conjunction with UN peacekeeping troops will be responsible for the evacuation of zoos and endangered species at risk of war-related animal cruelty.

Section 3: By definition, animal cruelty is the human infliction of suffering or harm upon non-human animals, for purposes other than self-defense or survial.

Section 4: This will come into effect on January 1, 2016.