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Proposal # 12

Proposed by Canada

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Action on Proposal

City: Louisville ____ Defeated

An act to build a temporary residence complex in Canada for foreign victims of natural disaster.

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

Justification Clause: Each year, natural disasters negatively affect people residing in all parts of the world. Often times the country affected receives aid via the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Although these funds are regulated by the OCHA, the funds are seldom used in effective ways. Countries use these funds to alleviate their immediate needs, rather than set themselves up for a prosperous future. Setting up a UN regulated temporary residence facility, would not only mollify the immediate physical needs of those affected, but allow those affected to be educated in skills necessary for the restoration of their home country.

Section I: In the event of a natural disaster, deemed large-scale by the OCHA, The United Nations Refuge Agency (UNHCR) will transport eligible refugees to the temporary residence complex in Canada. A large-scale disaster is typically classified as a disaster that displaces more than 800,000 people. Eligible refugees are classified as those who meet preset UNHCR regulations. These regulations consist of health screenings, background checks, phycological stability evaluations, etc.

Section II: The complex will be built on Malcolm Island in British Columbia, Canada. The complex will consist of 22 dorm facilities, three cafeteria facilities, a conference/administrative center, a gymnasium, and ten square kilometers of allocated grounds for training exercises. The total capacity of the complex will be approximately 10,000 refuges and 1,000 employees.

Section III: While residing at the complex, the refugees' physical and emotional needs will be well looked after. The refugees will be provided with residential space, three meals a day, adequate time for recreational exercise, as well as time with a certified psychiatrist if requested or advised. In the event that a refugee is accompanied by their family, accommodations will be made to ensure all the family members reside in the same dorm. The refugees will receive basic level instruction in the language of English by a certified teacher, if not already literate in the language. Skills pertaining to the restoration of a refugee's home country will also be taught. The refugees will be instructed on how to properly build and repair shelters, how to properly purify water, and basic first aid instruction. Each refugee will inhabit the complex for approximately six months before returning to their home country, contingent upon approval from the UNHCR.

Section IV: The estimated cost for the complex's construction is \$280 million. This cost, as well as the transportation cost of the refugees to and from their country, will be covered by the UNHCR, which has an annual budget of \$4 billion. The cost of day to day operations, which consists of clothes, food, staff salary, and basic maintenance will be covered by OCHA. This cost is estimated to be \$45 million each year. Currently the OCHA has an annual budget of \$275 million.

Section V: Construction of the complex will begin immediately upon passage.