

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 37
	Proposed by Japan
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1 An act to Protect the Rights of Children by Ensuring Registration Within Their Birth Country

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

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5 Justification Clause: Birth registration, the official recording of a child's birth by the government, establishes
6 the existence of the child under law and provides the foundation for safeguarding many of the child's civil,
7 political, economic, social and cultural rights. Article 7 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child specifies
8 that every child has the right to be registered at birth without any discrimination. Nevertheless, the births of
9 nearly 230 million children under the age of five worldwide have never been officially recorded. Unregistered
10 children are put at a heightened risk of being sold into slavery and sex trafficking due to the fact that their
11 existence is not being protected. Because there is no proof of their age, they are also more likely to be
12 forced into marriages at a young age and subjected to harsh, inhumane labor conditions. While this proposal
13 is meant to protect children at a young age, it is also in the best interest of many countries as it paves the
14 way towards previously stateless children becoming citizens with the ability to be educated, work, and put
15 money into the economy.

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17 Section I: Countries will be required to register any child born within their borders. This registration will be
18 filled out and validated alongside the birth certificate. Countries will keep both of these documents on file.

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20 Section II: Any child born within a country, heedless of ethnicity or the nationality of their parents, will be a
21 citizen of the country they are born in, and receive all of the rights that go along with citizenship in said
22 country.

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24 Section III: This proposal would be implemented on January 1, 2015