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Proposal # 45

Proposed by Netherlands

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 An act to impose global warming regulations and provide consequences on member countries that fail to meet these regulations.

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

Justification Clause: The translation of the 'Netherlands' in the Dutch language is "Low Country" because historically the nation's surface area has been only one meter above sea level. Since half of the Netherlands is located below sea level, it is predicted to be in severe danger due to the rising waters caused by global warming. Climate change has the potential to increase sea levels by 6.1 meters (20 feet). The lowest city within the Netherlands lies 7 meters (23 feet) below sea level and will possibly be swallowed up by the rapidly rising ocean levels. With 41,526 square kilometers, the Netherlands supports a population of just under 16.5 million people, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Rising sea levels could wreak mayhem on the Dutch way of life; the people, economy, and land itself, would be swept away, costing the Dutch their livelihood and possibly their lives. Not only would these rising sea levels greatly impact the land area of the Netherlands, it would significantly impact all other countries bordered by a sea or ocean. Parts of countries such as Mexico, the United States, Greenland, Indonesia, the Caribbean Islands, Australia, Japan, China, Italy, and South Africa will vanish. In addition to land loss, global warming and its rising temperatures will result in decreased crop growth, negatively impacting international trade as well as food supplies globally. New, improved, and more stringent regulations must be put forth regarding these environmental issues in order to reduce the harsh impact that rising temperature will have worldwide.

Section 1: The nations which ratify this proposal shall require that one-fourth of all energy consumed must come from a renewable source, such as solar power, hydroelectric power, nuclear power, and wind power. Countries that do not meet this requirement will be required to pay a fine of \$500,000-5,000,000 to help fund these same renewable means of energy to countries unable to invest in them themselves. The magnitude of the fine will depend of the country's total wealth as well as the extent of the failure to meet these guidelines. With a greater amount of the world's energy supply coming from greener, renewable resources, global warming will slow and sea levels will not rise to a dangerous, deadly level. Land area would not decrease nearly as much, lives would not be lost to the sea overtaking homes, and crop growth would not be as negatively affected.

Section 2: This proposal will go into effect on January 1, 2016.