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Proposal # 49

Proposed by Norway

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An act to officially ban whaling in all countries

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

Justification Clause: Whales are becoming one of the most extremely endangered species. On average, about 20 whales die each day depending on the season. Whalers typically mount harpoon guns on the front of boats, attach a long string to the harpoon and fire them at whales to pull them in. Originally, whalers used explosive harpoons with black gunpowder in them, usually finishing the whales in a single blow. Today, whalers use cold harpoons that leave the whales in agony for hours before actually dying. Others surround the whales with boats forcing them onto shore and slicing their spinal cord and main artery leaving them to bleed out. These whalers are said to be using whales mostly for "science" and the practice is very controversial, and in most cases not the truth, therefore these actions need to be extinguished with the help of the UN.

Section 1: The International Whaling Commission (IWC) will be established in all coastal countries and overlook and control whaling.

Section 2: Those who participate in whaling will be punished by a fine of 2,500 dollars, the confiscation of the person or party's boat(s) and be judged by the International Court of Justice (IJC).

Section 3: The UN will need to increase their donation amount to the IWC, to help pay for the jobs in all countries where the IWC would be located.

Section 4: All fines and boats would be donated to the IWC for anti-whaling purposes.

Section 5: This proposal will go into effect immediately upon approval.