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Proposal # 52

Proposed by Paraguay

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An act to reduce the amount of chemical runoff into the world's rivers by requiring UN members to report annual chemical runoff to the UNEP

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

Justification Clause: Though Paraguay is a country that is generally that is free from conflict, the rivers are filled with chemical runoff from tanneries, factories, and chemical plants. Throughout the world, pollution is a serious and prominent issue. Runoff in the world's waters kills plants and animals and can even affect humans who rely on the rivers and oceans as their primary source of water. An estimated of 580 people in India die of water pollution related illness every day. Some 90% of China's cities suffer from some degree of water pollution. 10. The U.N. estimates that by 2025, forty-eight nations, with combined populations of 2.8 billion, will face freshwater scarcity. It is the duty of United Nation to ensure that the next generation ofhumans inherits a cleaner world.

Section I: All member nations shall be required to file annual reports with the UNEP, reporting the total pollution– including pollution from chemical dumping, untreated sewage, and estimated pesticide runoff– into water sources that occurred within the course of the previous year. These reports must be filed between the dates of 15 October and 31 December of each year.

Section II: The amount of pollution in water sources shall be determined by the BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) test. This test uses microorganisms which break down chemical pollutants in the water, releasing oxygen. This is measured in BOD units.

Section III: The acceptable amount of BOD units shall be lower than 11.5 within first two years of this proposal's passage; 7.5 BOD units within four years; 4 BOD units after six years.

Section IV: Countries that do not comply with these figures will be fined .01% of the country's GDP. This is in order to protect less wealthy countries.