

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 61
	Proposed by Somalia
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1 An act to recognize the state of Somaliland as independent from Somalia

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

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5 Justification Clause: On July 1, 1960, the independent country of Somaliland voluntarily merged with its
6 fellow newly-independent southern counterpart to form the present-day country of Somalia. According to
7 international law, they have the right to nullify that union at any time. Somaliland declared independence
8 from Somalia in 1991, but was ignored by the U.N. Since then, Somaliland has embraced the democratic
9 system, holding fair elections continually since 2003. Somaliland also fulfills all criteria needed for statehood
10 according to international law. The people of Somaliland wish to distance themselves from all the violence
11 and civil unrest occurring in southern Somalia.

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13 Section I – Somaliland will be recognized and admitted as a member of the United Nations.

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15 Section II – Somaliland’s original borders will be restored.

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17 Section III – Rich expanses of petroleum fields have been found in Somaliland. Somaliland is unable to access
18 this potential economic resource because Somalia’s federal government refuses to grant permission based
19 on monetary disagreements. Upon gaining independence, Somaliland will be able to access this oil resource
20 and will experience economic growth.

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22 Section IV – The current democratic government of Somaliland will remain. Recognizing Somaliland would
23 serve as a powerful example to neighboring African countries of the benefits associated with upholding a
24 democratic system of government.

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26 Section V – This proposal will go into effect immediately upon passage.