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Proposal # 66

Proposed by Sweden

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An act to increase the amount of wildlife reservations in the Scandinavian Region.

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

Justification Clause: In Scandinavia, almost 2,500 animal species are endangered. This region sets an example for the rest of the world, in both amount and quality of wildlife reservations. Scandinavia is made up of many countries and regions from which great relations, culture, and knowledge have flourished. Every creature, big and small, has contributed to this; after all, the environment around us fuels every aspect of our lives. If these species are eradicated, then we will have no more creatures left to roam the rolling hills and create a functional niche for our community.

Section I: This proposal will send the UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme) to Scandinavian countries, including Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark, to mandate the establishment of more wildlife reservations for the benefit of both the animals and the humans. According to WWF Global, (World Wildlife Foundation) "The annual loss of natural forests in developing countries is equivalent to one third of Sweden's surface area." This is relevant because Sweden (and Scandinavia as a whole) could set an example for the rest of the world in terms of how to prevent the cutting down of valuable wildlife habitats. This proposal will help prevent the deforestation of wildlife sanctuaries and encourage the installation of new ones.

Section II: There are certain, specific animals that will be affected by this proposal. According to Nature Travels(Website) "Sweden's Big Five" include the brown bear, the wolverine, the wolf, the golden eagle, and the lynx. All of the endangered animals previously listed live in forest habitats in the whole Scandinavian region, which is why this issue is so important to the entire global community.

Section III: The requirements for the countries are as follows:

- Countries must set aside at least 1/5 of their forests as a sanctuary for wildlife. The government must ensure the reserves meet protocol such as no hunting and the insurance that animals can flourish outside the realm of humans.
- Countries will appoint a council of officials to watch over these regulations and submit a yearly report to the UNEP regarding their progress.
- Failure to do so will result in fines on lumber trades. All profits from the lumber industries will be subjected to a 30% tariff to be put toward UN-funded charities.
- This proposal will be enacted 3 months after passage to allow the governments time to properly consider and initiate the actions of this proposal.