

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 68
	Proposed by Turkey
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1 An act to amend the Turkish Forest Law and establish a National Forest Program

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

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5 Justification Clause: Turkey is characterized by unique biome and species diversity; however, since 1990,
6 236,000 hectares of primary forest cover have been lost to industrialization and development. Primary
7 forest cover deforestation has increased 32% since the 1990s. Primary forest cover habitats are more
8 diverse than other woodland habitats; preservation of primary forest cover is crucial for protecting
9 biodiversity. In the last two years, environmental legislation has loosened, allowing for development; Turkey's
10 lenient environmental laws are not uncommon. To ensure the Turkey's prosperity and ecological health, the
11 existing Forest Law must be amended and a National Forest Program must be established.

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13 Section I: The goals of the proposed National Forest Program would be to formulate plans and policies to
14 help decrease the amount of deforestation. Those running the program will formulate plans of action as well
15 as implement, monitor, and evaluate those plans.

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17 Section II: The program would have the ability to create fines and penalties for private individuals and
18 corporations who don't follow the policies implemented by The National Forest Program and related
19 amendments.

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21 Section III: The National Forest Program would be a part of the Turkish government. Its members would be
22 selected by the appropriate government office. It would help advise the government when working on
23 legislation that would affect the sustainability of development in woodland areas.

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25 Section IV: The National Forest Program will be initially paid for through funding from the IPA Environment
26 Operational Programme. After the initial funding, the program will be maintained through government taxes
27 and donations, as well as monetary penalties of violating the policies of the National Forest Program.

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29 Section V: The program would in the future be incorporated into a broader program that would include all
30 sustainable land use, and, if successful in Turkey within the first five years, National Forest programs could
31 be established worldwide. If a country already has a forest program similar to this one, the program will be
32 inspected, and then either certified or be given recommended changes to be implemented before its
33 certification.

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35 Section VI: The National Forest Program will be established within a year following the passage of this
36 proposal; amendments to the Forest Law will also go into effect one year after passage.