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Proposal # 74

Proposed by Zimbabwe

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An act to establish UN peacekeeping forces in Zimbabwe and other African countries to address the issues

of illegal wildlife trade.

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

Justification Clause: Illegal wildlife trade, also known as poaching, is an issue that is affecting many countries. Poaching is the illegal hunting, killing or capturing of wild animals, typically for monetary benefit. In cases of poaching, terrorist organizations kill large numbers of animals in order to gain valuables from them. For example, 65% of elephants in Africa were killed for their ivory tusks between 2002 and 2013. After the slaughter of wildlife, terrorist groups illegally sell the captured valuables for financial gain that funds their acts of terror in countries across the globe. This poaching problem is escalating in Africa and is becoming an international issue, so the UN needs to take action.

Section I: The UN will delegate peacekeeping teams to (a) location(s) in Africa where poaching is an immediate and high threat. These teams will better enforce legislation that illegalizes poaching. This legislation is already in place in all of the countries in which it is an issue, but has been neglected due to a lack of resources and proper enforcement.

Section II: The peacekeeping teams will, as stated above, enforce current legislation, but will also investigate poaching crimes, monitor borders, and eliminate stockpiles of illegal goods. These teams will effectively halt the illegal trade and punish the offenders.

Section III: Poaching is a threat throughout Africa, but the five countries that have been most heavily plagued by it are as follows: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Cameroon, and Mozambique. The UN will judge where the teams need to be located, based on severity of the issue, but all countries will be attended to.

Section IV: The UN already has a system of deploying peacekeeping teams, which consist of people from multiple UN countries. These people are employed by the UN and will be paid according to normal standards. This proposal simply recognizes a new need, and the UN will establish these teams in the new locations.

Section V: As the UN is already concerned with poaching, the deployment of peacekeeping teams is in order. The DPKO, or the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will provide the funds (pay for the workers) and, a subprogram of DPKO, the Department of Field Support has the technology and finances to carry out the operations that help to prevent poaching for the programs.

Section VI: This proposal will go into effect January 1, 2015.