KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY** **United Nations Proposal**	**Proposal # 1** **Proposed by Afghanistan**
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City: Frankfort	____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated

An act to protect women in Afghanistan after the departure of international forces.

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

Justification Clause: Afghan women have come a long way in the fight to regain the basic human rights that were so oppressively taken away from them under the Taliban. This regime was extremely hostile towards any kind of female presence in society. Education was banned, girls were not allowed to attend schools and women were flogged like animals and imprisoned in their houses. But now, with international forces poised to withdraw from Afghanistan by the end of the year, these brave women stand alone. In the past few months women in Afghanistan have witnessed a resurgence of violence and new laws that seem to indicate a reversal of rights for women. According to the United Nations, 87.2 % of Afghan women experience some form of physical, psychological, sexual, economic or social violence. This year alone, there have been acid attacks, burning girls' schools, cutting the nose and ears off women, public beatings and executions. Our proposal will provide protection and resources needed for females and to show the perpetrators that the world is watching, and well not remain silent any longer.

Section I: Security is vital for the safety of Afghan women and to prevent Taliban resurgence. This proposal will allow for a combination of a few thousand UN troops (mainly of U.S. and NATO forces) to work with the trained Afghan military and police to protect girls' schools, safe houses, legal services and medical facilities offered to Afghan women. They will be trained and equipped by US, NATO and UN forces.

Section II: Education will continue to be a priority area of need for funding and protection for Afghan girls and women. These girls who are in school today are the future of Afghanistan. Protection will be provided (as mentioned in Section 1), to females attending school. But other innovative ways to help educate girls will also be researched, such as: video conferencing with international agencies, colleges, and help groups; student exchanges, scholarships or professional training; and possibly even underground school movements. Economic empowerment of women will be stressed through education and training. Non-Governmental Agencies (NGO's) such as "Aid Afghanistan for Education" will continue to run schools in nine provinces for older girls and women, including returning refugees who lost out on educations during Afghanistan's years of turmoil.

Section III: Family Guidance Centers, shelters and safe houses will be provided in the 10 provinces for women seeking shelter and protection. Many of these women have been victims of a long list of gender-based acts that violate every convention in the civilized. Mobile health clinics will pay regular visits to remote villages .

Section IV: Legal protection and punishment for violence and torture will also be provided by the UN and the International Criminal Court (ICC) and NGO's such as "Women for Afghan Woman" and "Human Rights Watch". Funding going to the Afghan police force will be earmarked for programs eliminating gender-based violence and to bring more women into the Afghan police force. Resources and technical and political support for police, prosecutors, and the courts will be provided by the UN and NGO's.

Section V: Funding will be provided by UNICEF, the UN's mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the UN Global Education Fund, and many NGO's including: Human Rights Watch, Women for Women International, Care International, Save the Children, Women for Afghan Women as well as international peace keeping forces.

Section VI: The proposal will go into effect immediately after the withdrawal of international troops (US and Nation) from Afghanistan in 2014.