

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 14
	Proposed by Greece
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School: Presentation Academy	
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An act to to recover and stop the destruction of coral reefs.

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

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Justification Clause: Coral reefs are home to ¼ of the world’s fish. Coral reefs provide security, income, and treatment for diseases such as HIV and cancers. Not only do the reefs bring in revenue for their aesthetic appeal to tourists, but they are also an important barrier against tropical storms. More than 450 million people are directly and indirectly impacted by these reefs, whether by food or income. Seventy-five percent of these reefs are threatened by practices such as pollution, coral mining, and climate change. Studies have shown that once the reefs have been treated, it takes a minimum of 10 months for the reefs to fully recover. We must protect these reefs and preserve not only their well-being, but lead the way for protection of all coral reefs throughout the world.

Section I: Enact a law against dumping of trash and other waste products into waterways. Any person caught dumping into these waterways will be fined a minimum of \$250,000, and if an offense is repeated, the fine will be doubled and their license will be revoked.

Section II: Regulation of fishing practices, monitored by UNEP (United Nations Environment Program), as well as start clean-up teams through this program.

Section III: All programs will be funded through the budget allowed for the UNEP, and the money gained by fines. 2.5 million dollars will be needed to carry out this proposal.

Section IV: This law will be enacted 3 years after its passage to allow involved countries a suitable preparation time.