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|  <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p> | Proposal # 18 |
| | Proposed by Indonesia |
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1 An act to define "fair trade," establish benchmarks for goods, and create a fair trade zone in United Nations'
2 members free of tariffs.
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4 **Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations**
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6 Justification Clause: The economy of Indonesia, like those of many other nations, is rife with unfit working
7 conditions. For example, corporations such as Nike and Adidas [allegedly] take advantage of sweatshop
8 labor in Indonesia to produce consumer goods at a reduced cost, sometimes passing these savings along to
9 the consumer. Establishing a "fair trade" committee will provide economic incentives for these corporations
10 to ensure that their workers are being treated humanely and compensated reasonably, without significant
11 price increases for the consumer.
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13 Section I. A United Nations Committee will be established that will set the benchmarks for what constitutes a
14 "Fair Trade" product. Committee members in consultation with staff economists and industry experts will
15 determine these quantitative benchmarks.
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17 Section II. Benchmarks will quantifiably determine whether:

- 18 a) Wages are sufficiently "livable" i.e. a worker can realistically achieve a decent standard of living
- 19 b) Working conditions are safe
- 20 c) Production is sustainable
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22 Section III. Each product will be assigned unique benchmarks
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24 Section IV. Once the benchmarks have been determined, nations can choose to participate in the free trade
25 zone. All nations choosing to participate in the free trade zone, will be required to drop all tariffs on other
26 nations in the free trade association.
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28 Section V. Countries participating the free trade zone will inspect factories within their boundaries to ensure
29 compliance with the determined benchmarks. The United Nations will ensure the benchmarks are met.
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31 Section VI. Sets deadlines to prepare free trade infrastructure.

- 32 a) The Committee will be formed by January 1st, 2015
- 33 b) The Committee will identify 100 most traded goods' benchmarks by January 1st, 2019
- 34 c) Nations have until January 1st 2020 to determine whether they will opt-in to the free trade zone for
35 aforementioned 100 goods.
- 36 d) Nations choosing to participate will bring their tariff structures into accordance with this agreement
- 37 e) It is the understanding of the United Nations that there will be on-going communication between
38 nations to coordinate structural changes