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Proposal # 41

Proposed by Serbia

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Action on Proposal

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An act to : An act to preserve the ecological health of the Danube River by producing fines for pollution of all water systems in Serbia.

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

Justification Clause: The Danube River flows through Serbia, along with Austria, Germany, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, and Romania. A water quality study was performed ranking the Danube river in Serbia as class III/IV based on dissolved oxygen, organic contaminants, coli germs, dissolved substances and suspended substances, color, and smell. The required class is class II, showing Serbia to have a water pollution problem. Sources of pollution include industry through the production of energy, food products, metal processing, and chemical production for cosmetics. Agriculture pollution is manifested through soil and groundwater contamination due to pesticides and dung from cattle farms. Power facilities are causing substantial thermal pollution. Three active mines are adding to pollution by ash deposit. These issues need to be addressed to encourage economic development of Serbia.

Section I: To encourage all aspects of society to support pollution control a diagram of fines for infractions will be developed for pollution in excess of the allowed amounts. A pamphlet listing water sample calendars and describing the infractions with the fine will be distributed throughout the country.

Section II: An agency will be developed to enforce the program by collection of water samples and analysis, and notification of infractions with time frames to correct. If not corrected; fines will be collected.

Section III: Initial cost estimates are 3.5 million dollars. As fines are collected they can be used to balance the budget. This proposal will go into effect one year after the transgression/fine framework is written and notification is made.

Section IV: It is the intent of this proposal to develop healthy habits that will encourage economic growth in Serbia. If this project is successful it could be used as an example for other countries in the World especially those drained by the Danube River.