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Proposal # 44

Proposed bySri Lanka

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An act to provide ongoing aid and support to third world countries affected by war and natural disasters.

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

Justification: The nation of Sri Lanka was ravaged by an earthquake and tsunami that hit the Indian Ocean in 2004. Approximately 35,500 Sri Lankans died. The country received insufficient funding and disaster relief immediately following the event, as their losses were deemed secondary to other effected countries. As the little media coverage Sri Lanka received ended and the disaster became old news, aid started depleting. After over 20 years of civil war, Sir Lanka reached a ceasefire and political agreement with the rebel group the Tamil Tigers in 2009. Resources and funding to aid the country's government and citizens ended with this agreement. Thousands of Sri Lankans are still left displaced by the wars and natural disasters and poverty has only increased. Similar to Sri Lanka, many third world countries received immediate aid in tragic situations but are left with the task to rebuild. Many times, recovery requires more than what one country can produce to rebuild itself.

Section I: The United Nations will create a task force composed of UN officials and representatives from third world countries seeking aid. The task force will be a department of the UNHCR Refugee Agency.

Section II: The task force will allocate appropriate funds and resources to be given to these countries. The aid will reflect the damage of the nation. By ensuring that nations are both adequately funded and properly guided, smaller nations can begin the rebuilding process with ongoing and reliable aid.

Section III: This proposal will be enacted immediately.