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Proposal # 49

Proposed by Turkey

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A proposal to re-adopt the UN Millennium Development Goals and to add a ninth goal entitled "Increase Global Support for Refugees."

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

Justification Clause: The United Nations instituted the Millennium Development Goals (MGDs) in the year 2000 with eight goals to be achieved by the target date 2015. These eight goals include: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger; Achieve Universal Primary Education; Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women; Reduce Child Mortality; Improve Maternal Health; Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other Diseases; Ensure Environmental Sustainability; and Global Partnership for Development. Each goal consists of its own measurable targets. Although these goals will not be achieved by 2015, each MDG has shown remarkable progress since they were initially adopted. This progress can and should continue to help create a better world. The nations of the world should recommitted themselves to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

There is an ongoing global refugee crisis. The nations of the world have struggled to adequately respond to this crisis. A refugee is defined as a person who flees to a foreign country to escape danger or fear of persecution. In 2013, the UN identified 10.4 million people in the world as refugees, and that number is increasing every year. The UN currently has a program titled, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCG). This program works to help refugees, but each year the UNHCG is not supplied with sufficient funding to care for the high amounts of refugees. 98% of UNHCG funds are the result of voluntary contributions by counties, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other humanitarian organizations. In 2012, the UNHCG only received 60% of their needed budget. This leaves the UNHCG drastically underfunded and consequently many refugees without sufficient global support. A new MDG should be added, creating nine goals. This new goal, "Increase Global Support for Refugees", will help improve the capability of the international community to provide basic needs, education, and safety for all refugees in the world.

We firmly believe that each MDG is of vital importance, but the global refugee crisis has not been adequately addressed and demands the attention of the international community.

Section 1: The United Nations would re-adopt the eight Millennium Development Goals and continue to work towards completion of these goals by a new target date of 2030.

Section 2: The United Nations would officially adopt a ninth Millennium Development Goal entitled, "Increase Global Support for Refugees."

Section 3: The targets for the new goal "Increase Global Support for Refugees" will consist of:

- A. By 2030 the UNHCR annual budget will be fully funded. All donor states, NGOs and other humanitarian organizations will be encouraged to increase their support to achieve this target.
- B. By 2030, each country with membership in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will adopt a plan to immediately respond to a sudden refugee crisis. These Emergency Refugee Support Plans (ERSPs) will include plans to: 1)quickly distribute emergency food, water and medical supplies; 2)provide quickly built emergency shelters; and 3) give short and long term finical aid. These plans will insure a more immediate and global response to any refugee crisis.