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Proposal # 55

Proposed by Argentina

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An act to increase the quality of life for rape victims of Argentina.

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

Justification Clause: 3,276 people are sexually assaulted out of every 100,000 people, yielding Argentia to be ranked fifth in world for the most reported rapes. A report estimated that in a year long period there were approximately 1,500 rapes in the capital of Buenos Aires, with only one-third reported. Ninety percent of rape or sexual assault cases did not result in convictions. These statistics show the magnitude of the rapes and sexual assaults that have occured Argentina. Argentina's public healthcare currently does not cover resulting injuries or complications. Rape victims leave the attack with physical and mental injuries as well as 40% of rapes resulting in pregnancy. Rape victims are currently forced to appear in court to aid in the prosecution of their attacker which can be extremely destructive to their mental recovery. There are varying penalties for rape in Argentina, with some provinces having a maximum penalty of merely 5 days in prison. Creating a universal, increased sentencing standard would help put away rapists for a longer period of time, and discourage people from committing this crime in the future.

Section One: All Argentinian citizens, women and men, shall be provided with a sector of health insurance covering reparations of rape. This healthcare will be provided to all current Argentinian citizens with healtcare under the public sector or under a mutual plan. This accounts for nearly 96% of the population. It is estimated that short term mental and physical injuries cost an average \$3,000. The healthcare covering rape injuries shall be covered by a 10% tax on all alcohol and tobacco products sold.

Section Two: The maximum penalty varies from as little as five days in prison while other penalties consist of harsher punishments. Under this proposal, the sentencing standard shall be raised nationwide: the minimum penalty for rape shall be five years. Taking the circumstances into account, the penalty may exceed five years.

Section Three: Victims of rape shall have the flexibility to select, with the advice of their lawyer and a trauma counselor, whether or not they want to be physically present in the court room during the full trial. This will be determined if the victim feels unsafe or uncomfortable confronting their attacker.

Section Four: Court penalties and representation shall go into effect immediately after passage. The implementation of healthcare shall go into effect one year after passage.