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Proposal # 56

Proposed by Brazil

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School: Sacred Heart Academy

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City: Louisville ____ Defeated

A proposal to implement a "Good Samaritan Law" in Brazil

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

Justification Clause: Crime in Brazil is at an all-time high. For the past 25 years, the city of Rio de Janeiro has been rated "critical" for crime by the State Department, and there have been continually high crime rates in residential theft, robbery, rape. To tourists and visitors coming to Brazil, the largest threat is crime, and crime is a growing problem that has been reported by both the police and the press. By implementing a "Good Samaritan Law," citizens of Brazil who voluntarily help a victim in the case of an emergency will be protected from prosecution of unintentional injury or wrongful death of the victim. This law will reduce the hesistation to help a victim of a crime by providing protection to those who help a person involuntarily involved or injured in a crime. It will also insure victims get medical attention by implementing punishments for those who do not report a crime they have witnessed (if reporting the crime would not put the witness in danger) or call a local emergency number for a injured citizen who is in need of medical assistance.

Section I: This proposal will protect people who voluntarily help a victim in distress from being sued or prosecuted for unintentional injury or wrongful death.

Section II: If a witness of a crime or a bystander who comes across a victim of a crime does not (at a minimum) call a local emergency number (unless the witness or bystander would put themselves in harms way by doing so), they can be charged with negligence or fined accordingly if it is found to be a misdemeanor by the local judicial system assigned to said case.

Section III: If the citizen who voluntarily helps the victim committed the crime(s) being reported, the citizen will be charged with the original crime(s) committed with no additional charges or fines. The severity of the charges will not be lessened if the person who commits the crime reports it.

Section IV: If the citizen who voluntarily helps the victim heightens the severity of an injury sustained by the criminal, without malicious or purposeful intent in any way, they be protected from being charged for the unintentional injuries that increased the severity of the original crime(s) However, if their intent is proven to be malicious, they will be prosecuted for the crime(s). Their intent will be determined by the local judicial system, which will call forth other witnesses and or evidence.

Section V: The money created from citizens who are fined accordingly will go to the State Department of the Brazilian Government, who in turn would issue the money out to states within the country (issuing more money out to states that have higher crime rates and less to states with lower crime rates) in an effort to ensure better training and, over time, bring down crime as well.