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## Proposal # 14

## **Proposed by Ethiopia**

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

Justification Clause: Due to the amount of children that have been forced to work in conditions beyond reasonable, we feel that those children should have equal opportunities to get a good education as other children in first world countries. Also, child labor is harmful to their physical and mental development. There are more reported accidents involving child labor in Africa. Therefore, since stopping child labor may take a protracted amount of time, we are taking an approach that will benefit child workers.

Section I: KURET stands for Kenya Uganda Rwanda Ethiopia Together, and was an organization that tried to stop child labor and improve child labor conditions. Child labor starts out with adults not being able to work, which forces children to be the bread-winners in their families. Child labor CAN be stopped by having better working conditions for adults, which will prevent children from working. This will give more children educational opportunities. KURET ended in 2009.

Section II: Although KURET took place in Africa, the US department of labor funded the project. We are hoping that UNICEF, the United Nations Children Fund, will give KURET the support needed to function until the child labor problem is solved. By support, we mean funding and more opinions being provided to positively affect KURET.

Section III: Workers from KURET went to communities and educated children of Africa about avoiding getting diseases such as HIV and AIDS. The workers then provided teachers and learning materials to schools. They take this approach to stopping child labor because when adults get diseases that do not make them able to work, their children are forced to work in order to bring money in for their families.

Section IV: Reinstating KURET would cost approximately 3,000,000 US dollars. It would cost this amount because previously KURET was sponsored by World Vision, who funded KURET with 1,700,000 US dollars. This amount allowed KURET to run for 4 years. Therefore, with 3 million US dollars, KURET will be able to run for at least 7 years.

Section V: We are hoping to get KURET running in 2015 and keep the program running as long as possible by using part of UNICEF's funds and accepting donations from the public.