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Proposal # 21

Proposed by Italy

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An act to establish a solution to poverty.

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

Justification Clause: Italy has reached a record level of poverty. Twelve point seven percent of families of two live on monthly incomes of 991 euros, or \$1358.23. This would account to about \$16298.75 dollars in a year, which is just greater than the US minimum wage by close to \$2300. It would be extremely difficult to survive in these conditions, and it doesn't help that the Italian economy is damaged. In the richer north region of North Italy, the percentage of poverty rose 1.3 percent and in the south, it rose 2.9 percent. This is not good for the future of Italy and something must be done. Most importantly, 2 million children are struggling to survive in poverty. Their education is limited and then they will experience poverty later in life as well.

Section 1: There is no existing government-regulated minimum wage in Italy, so we propose to create a minimum wage so people will have enough money to survive. The minimum wage would be \$8.00, which is a marginal amount more than the Kentucky minimum wage of \$7.25. 12.7 percent of Italians are unemployed, and the economy and banks could be boosted by the extra amount of money that is invested.

Section 2: In the last 4 years, unemployment rate has drastically increased from 9.2 percent to 12.7 percent. This is just higher than the highest in Italian history, which happened about 40 years ago. The large number of unemployed people would then think about getting a job because they would be guaranteed a good amount of money.

Section 3: The debt of Italy has been over 100% of its Gross Domestic Product since the 1980s and was 123.8% of the GDP in 2013. This needs to be changed as soon as possible because every year, the Italian government's debt keeps increasing. The economic output is not enough to keep up with its expenses and if more people get jobs and invest, then the Italian government would increase in quality greatly.

Section 4: This proposal will not require much money at all. The United Nations could cooperate with the European Union and then the legislation could vote on the bill. This could benefit the 12 other countries in Europe that don't have a required minimum wage. This might take some time to be passed in the Parliament of Italy, but it will improve the quality of life of the Italian and European citizens because they will be guaranteed the necessary amount of money to survive in the country of Italy.

Section 5: The economy needs a lot of help, and this bill will help the economy immensely along with the European Union and neighboring countries. Thank you.