

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 34
	Proposed by St. Lucia
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School: Second Street School	
City: Frankfort	

1 An act to abolish driftnet fishing in areas where endangered sea mammalian are known to inhabit.

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

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5 Justification Clause: This proposal aims at reducing the number of fatalities caused to endangered species in
6 the oceanic waters. This is not a new problem. In one study, it was discovered that more than 1 million
7 estimated porpoises and dolphins were reported killed through by-catch from drift net fishin. Because of
8 their destructive power, driftnets have also been banned in the European Union since 2002 and in the Baltic
9 Sea. Unfortunately, despite the E.U. ban, French and Italian fisherman continue to illegally use driftnets to
10 catch tuna and swordfish in the Mediterranean Sea, encouraged by the extremely lax enforcement of the
11 ban.

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13 Section I. Drift net fishing can be defined as non biodegradable materials placed in the water for the
14 purpose of capturing a mass quantity of sea creatures.

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16 Section II. The United Nations, in partnership with the World Society for the Protection of Animals will create
17 worldwide maps of the oceanic regions to indicate where drift net fishing will be illegal.

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19 Section III. The United Nations will authorize any sea-based naval fleet the authority to stop, cite, and seize
20 ships, licenses, and equipment in accordance with the consequences listed below.

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22 Section IV. For the first offense, the captain of the ship will lose his international waters captains license for
23 one year and the owner / company will be fined the equivalent of \$100,000.00 USD.

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25 For the second offense, the captain of the ship will lose his international waters captains license for five
26 years and the owner / company will be fined the equivalent of \$500,000.00 USD.

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28 For the third offense, and each subsequent offense, the captain of the ship will lose his international waters
29 captain's license indefinitely and the company will be fined the equivalent of \$500,000.00 USD.

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31 Section V. Monies collected for fines will be used for preservation and protection efforts of endangered sea
32 mammalian.

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34 Section VI. This proposal will go into effect on January 1, 2015.