

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 18
	Proposed by Samoa
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1 An act to prevent the deforestation of endangered rainforests in Samoa and other nations.

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

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5 Justification Clause: Experts estimate that we are losing 137 plant, animal and insect species every single
6 day due to rainforest deforestation. Rainforests are valuable for a variety of reasons. They provide 40% of
7 the Earth's oxygen. In addition, experts agree that leaving the rainforest unharmed and harvesting many of
8 its nuts, fruits, oil-producing plants, and medical plants has more economic value than using the land for
9 housing or timber. Without reform, the world's rainforest will be destroyed within forty years. In Samoa, the
10 rainforests, which are home to many endangered birds, are on pace to disappear within twenty years.

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12 Section I: Rainforests are being destroyed by loggers in order to create housing and produce exports for the
13 people of these nations. To prevent the growing rate of deforestation, rainforests will be divided into two
14 halves: one half will be a natural reserve for the endangered birds and species and the other half will be
15 reserved for logging by companies for commerce.

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17 Section II: For the logging to be considered legal, both foreign and native companies will have to apply for a
18 permit stating that they will only log on the land permitted for use and replace each tree logged with one of
19 the same species. Native companies will have to pay one hundred dollars and foreign companies will pay five
20 hundred dollars per acre every year. If caught illegally logging, companies will be fined up to ten percent of
21 their yearly earnings.

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23 Section III: Funds from the logging permits and fines will support the randomized inspections of rainforests
24 deemed in danger of deforestation. Inspections will be completed by individuals assigned by the United
25 Nations council.

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27 Section IV: This proposal will go into effect 90 days following its passage.