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Proposal # 8

Proposed by Canada

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An act to create an UN oversight committee with the authority to require reclamation bonds of all Bitumen extraction companies.

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

Justification Clause: The development of Tar Sands (oil sands) has long been an issue since the first report of Bitumen in 1719. In 2014, tar sands oil extraction processes are taking place in over 70 countries with the bulk being in Canada and Venezuela. In Canada alone, the extraction of Bitumen removes heavy crude oil from sand and clay at the rate of 1.8 million barrels per day. With Canada Tar Sand Oil mining, they rank third in the world's oil production. This oil extraction process is necessary but has had numerous negative and/or devastating effects on global warming, plant and animal species, humans and the environment.

Section I: The United Nations will create an international task force with members representing the major tar sand oil producing countries to act as an oversight committee. This group, the International Bitumen Extraction Greenspace Committee (IBEG) will be responsible for establishing regulations and requirements for all countries wanting to obtain oil by the Bitumen extraction process. This will also include the purchase of a reclamation bond by any and all parties involved in the extraction process.

Section II: The IBEG will create a database of all locations using the extraction or mining process. The list will be made by environmentalist in each of the effected areas.

Section III: The major role of the IBEG will be to study the environmental impact on the air, global warming, plants and animals on the regions and any negative impact on the indigenous peoples of the regions. The environmentalist will then report to the UN environmental agencies any negative findings. If negative effects are found, the reclamation bond will be used to provide clean up of the environment, and for health issues as a result of the processes. If the company does not make strides in preventing additional negative effects, the companies can loose their privileges of mining.

Section IV: This proposal will make the miners of Bitumen more fiscally responsibility for the damage to the environment and indigenous peoples. If the natural surroundings are not returned to their natural state, the companies can be fined:

1st offense \$15,000,000 2nd offense \$50,000,000 3rd offense \$1,000,000,000 and extraction rights will be suspended.

Section V: The IBEG will be funded by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior of the United States and by the Friend of Earth Organization. The World Court will be involved when companies' fines are being administered.

Section VI: This proposal will go in effect immediately upon passage.