

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</p>	Proposal # 34
	Proposed by Mexico
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1 An act to Expand the Merida Initiative to include Education, Prevention, and Treatment

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

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5 Justification Clause: The Mexico Drug War is ongoing armed conflict among rival cartels fighting each other
6 for regional control and against Mexican government forces and civilian vigilante groups. The Merida
7 Initiative is a security cooperation agreement the United States and the government of Mexico, set up in
8 order to combat the threats of drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and money laundering. This
9 currently established solution includes assistance, training, equipment and intelligence, but neglects
10 emotional/mental long term solutions, including education and rehabilitation. These two countries (US and
11 Mexico) band together because the illicit drug trade is a shared problem in need of shared solution-plus
12 most of financing for the Mexican traffickers comes from American drug consumers.

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14 Section I: To expand the current Merida Initiation to include drug prevention, treatment and education
15 before/after drug exposure. This will help combat the supply of drugs. Prevention, treatment, and education
16 has been proven successful with other issues. Thus, it should have the same effect on drug trafficking.

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18 Section II: With the successful expansion of the Merida Initiative, we can take the knowledge and success
19 and apply it to surrounding countries especially targeting those that also have a high rate of drug trafficking.
20 Due to the issues of proximity, the Merida Initiative expansion will most directly affect the United States,
21 Guatemala, Belize and other Central American countries.

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23 Section III: The UN will call together a meeting of the US and Mexico in order to draw up terms for the
24 addition of education, treatment, and prevention of the Merida Initiative. It would cost \$200,000 a year
25 including salary for six new employees to cover the new branch as well as renting a facility for the education
26 and treatment program.

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28 Section IV: This will go into effect on January 2015.