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Proposal # 47

Proposed bySri Lanka

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A Proposal to Assist Countries in Clearing Active Minefields After the Conflict Ends

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

Justification Clause: Landmines are hidden explosive devices that are made to kill people and block off roads and other areas. Many people in Sri Lanka and around the world have had accidents with landmines and have been killed, sent to hospitals, and have lost limbs because they accidentally stepped on a landmine. Landmines can be very dangerous for years after a war has ended. Sri Lanka had a civil war for 26 years and an estimated one million landmines were placed. Between 2009, when the civil war in Sri Lanka ended, to December 2013, 173,000 landmines were cleared but many more remain. There are an estimated 110 million active landmines in conflict areas in the world today in 70 countries. This proposal is about assisting countries to clear landmines with robotic technology for the safety of civilians in Sri Lanka and other countries.

Section I: The United Nations shall purchase specially made machines for clearing landmines to loan to selected nations. The machines are box-like vehicles that are remote controlled so that no one is inside the vehicle and in danger. The machines are a quick and efficient way to safely clear landmines.

Section II: The money for this equipment shall come from donations to the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action.

Section III: The United Nations shall assist national armies with training to operate the specialized equipment.

Section IV: When the country has completed clearing landmines, it shall return the equipment to the United Nations for use elsewhere.

Section V: This proposal shall go into effect upon passage.