KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY** **United Nations Proposal**	**Proposal # 52** **Proposed by Uruguay**
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School: St. Patrick	**Action on Proposal**
City: Louisville	____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated

An act to regulate open-pit mining.

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

Justification clause: Currently, Uruguay is debating the issue of allowing open-pit mining, the technique of extracting minerals from the earth by their removal from an open pit. The President, Jose Mujaica is an advocate to allow companies to open-pit mine for iron ore. The farmers are protesting against open-pit mining due to their concern for the loss of land due to this process. Our proposal will ensure that the mining industry will restore the ranch land or re purpose land as lakes as each mine is complete.

Section I: The mining industry under the direction of the government will provide funding to put water into the depleted mines and restore land for cattle grazing. 20% of the mining industry's profits will be put aside and used for filling the depleted mines with water and restoration of ranch land. President, Jose Mujica is planning to use approximately 55 square miles of ranch land for open-pit mining.

Section II: Uruguay's economy has improved recently due to Brazil's reliance on Uruguay for their beef. This proposal will ensure that Brazil and other South American countries will still be able to import beef from Uruguay. By having the mining industry use such a large portion of their profits to restore the environment for cattle ranchers they both will benefit, creating profits for both industries.

Section III: The fee will be deposited into the environmental account each month to ensure that funds are available for the restoration of land.

Section IV: This proposal will go into effect one year after mining begins.