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**Jr. Ohio Model United Nations**

Resolution #

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Nation: Cameroon  
School: Perkins Middle School

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**SUBJECT: POACHING**

WHEREAS, the gorilla population in Cameroon and neighboring states is decreasing by 5 to 7% annually because of trapping of nearly 500 gorillas for the growing bush meat trade, and

WHEREAS, three species of gorillas are now on the endangered species list, and

WHEREAS, Western Lowlands gorillas, the only species native to the country, are being hunted to extinction. and

WHEREAS, bush meat is becoming increasingly popular among rich business owners causing an increase in the demand and prices, and

WHEREAS, the demand for bush meat is the causing an increase in the numbers of illegal hunters, and

WHEREAS, bush meat is no longer necessary for survival, and

WHEREAS, an economic depression sparked a region-wide growth in gorilla trapping, and

WHEREAS, the main forest for hunting and trapping of gorillas is the Nuchel Rainforest in Cameroon.

WHEREAS, railway workers allow unscheduled stops and slow trains to allow bush meat to be loaded or unloaded near forest reserves, and

WHEREAS, the Bush Meat Crisis Task Force was founded by Americans to stop the bush meat trade, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Nations form a committee to help run an enlarged Bush Meat Crisis Task Force and provide funding for operations such as: taking gorilla DNA samples, enforcing a ban on bush meat sales, tracking individual gorillas, searching for traps in the reserves, and discouraging the consumption of bush meats.

