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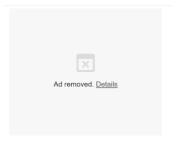
The Green Party Enacts the National Environmental Protection Act

Three months after the elections, the Green Party officially initiates the implementation of its environmental agenda.

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Crowd celebrating the victory of the Green Party on 15 January 2020

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Less than three months after the elections, the Congress of Celestria adopted the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA") implementing the campaign promises of the Green Party. As our readers may recall, during the electoral campaign, the Green Party presented several environmentally friendly policies promises such as the "Green Wall" project aiming to fight the rising ocean levels or a full-scale transition to clean energy.

The NEPA is the cornerstone of the Green Party's projects since it grants power to government agencies to issue binding decisions on environmental concerns. The NEPA also allows said agencies to provide recommendations and opinions on environmental issues.

"I am verry happy that Congress adopted NEPA" said earlier today, Billie Ruckelshaus, the new President of Celestria. The former civil rights activist added that "it is time for Celestria to join the developed world by ensuring a safe future to our citizens."

The NEPA was unanimously adopted by the newly elected majority and was only opposed by the members of the former ruling party.

Soon after the adoption of NEPA, several thousand Celestrians gathered in the main square of Starvalis to celebrate the beginning of a new era. "I finally have hope that my children will be able to continue and live in our beautiful land", said M., a local farmer who preferred to stay anonymous.

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Not all, however, are happy with the adoption of the NEPA. Mr. Jeffrey Myskin, the CEO of a satellite company that operates in Celestria, raised concerns about the broad powers granted to the local agencies. "One needs to be careful when allocating such broad and discretionary power to bureaucrats that do not always understand the ins and outs of a business", Mr. Myskin said. "Astracommex has been providing exceptional service to the people of Celestria and I am concerned that local agencies will try to hijack our operations by painting them as environmental concerns" added the billionaire.