



American Model United Nations

## Commission on Sustainable Development

CSD/I/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable agriculture and rural development

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Sustainable Development

### *The Commission on Sustainable Development*

1           *Recognizing* the detrimental effects associated with the conventional use of  
2 fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other synthetic agents on the both the environment  
3 and on human health,  
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5           *Noting* with regret the tendency of international bodies to approach rural  
6 development as a strictly agricultural issue,  
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8           *Affirming* that sustainable rural development encompasses broader issues of  
9 environmental safety and human health,  
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11           *Applauding* efforts made by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs),  
12 international organizations, national governments and individuals to promote  
13 biologically-safe, environmentally-sound and organic farming principles,  
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15           *Bearing in mind* that agricultural practices vary significantly across cultures and  
16 across geographic boundaries,  
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18           *Further recognizing* that development and environmentally-sound agricultural  
19 practices are not mutually exclusive goals, as evidenced by the experiences of a number  
20 of UN member states,  
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22           *Guided* by the principles articulated in the Rio Declaration on Environment and  
23 Development and Agenda 21, on which this commission is established,  
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25           1. *Affirms* the rights of UN member states to set priorities and conduct agricultural  
26 and development policies independently;  
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28           2. *Suggests* the gradual decrease in the use of synthetic chemical additives within  
29 regions where the full implementation of organic farming methods are not currently  
30 feasible;  
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32           3. *Invites* UN member states, private sector actors, donor agencies, NGOs such as  
33 the International Federation of Organic Agriculture and others who have approved the  
34 issue of rural development from multiple perspectives in order to provide:

- 35           (a) building local capacity to explore and understand the potential benefits of  
36           implementing organic farming principles

37 (b) examine the feasibility of transitioning from conventional farming to organic  
38 farming;

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40 4. *Encourages* the use of organic farming practices such as crop rotations, natural  
41 fertilizers, composting, “green manure,” and other nitrogen replacing crops;

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43 5. *Recommends* the expansion of organic farming education into existing UN,  
44 NGO and international organizations dedicated to the dissemination of sustainable  
45 agriculture knowledge so as to increase awareness of the opportunities afforded by  
46 organic farming practices;

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48 6. *Commends* existing initiatives to promote environmentally-sound practices  
49 within the context of sustainable development.

Passed, Yes: 30 / No: 2 / Abstain: 2