

## American Model United Nations

## **General Assembly Plenary**

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SUBJECT OF	F RESOLUTION:	The Right to Food

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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*Recognizing* the right to food as a universal human right at the national, regional, and international levels,

*Embracing* the sentiments of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the rights laid out in the Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights,

*Supporting* past and current action taken by member States in an effort to reach their Millennium Development Goals to eradicate extreme hunger by 2015,

Approving of efforts made by various non-governmental organizations (NGO) providing emergency relief in response to food shortages,

*Recognizing* the importance of respecting State sovereignty while engaging in transnational assistance efforts,

- 1. *Emphasizes* the importance of NGOs in ameliorating the difficulties faced in food distribution through:
  - (a) Access to specialized regional knowledge;
  - (b) Assistance in grass roots initiatives targeted at vulnerable populations;
  - (c) Bridging the disparity gap between urban and rural aid distribution;
- (d) Facilitating interactions between organization members and domestic populations as a means of building trust between local populations and international organizations;
- 2. Seeks continued multilevel discourse and cooperation within the international community in order to effectively protect the universal right to food;
- *3. Recommends* that the Security Council support an increase in United Nations security for individuals who are members of NGOs working to deliver emergency aid to those suffering from food shortages to ensure that resources are being effectively distributed;
- *4. Calls* for the distribution of regionally appropriate and applicable farming supplies and technologies to help with areas suffering from disasters or severe soil depreciation:
  - (a) Distributed through pre-existing programs and NGOs;

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(b) Paired with the required educational resources needed to make these technological benefits effective in these regions;

- (c) Supporting the efforts made by agencies with focuses on emergency response capabilities such as: The International Red Cross, World Vision, and the Food Administration Organization;
- (d) Initiatives to be phased out over time so as not to proliferate a paternalistic, dependent relationship between international bodies and regions receiving aid;
- 5. *Encourages* the cooperation of NGOs in a participatory manner with communities and national governments to ensure that traditional agricultural practices are maintained, utilized, and improved;
- *6. Advocates* for the provision of monetary assistance to NGOs from supporting Member States to ensure them access to the means to provide aid to wherever it is needed;
- 7. *Solidifies* that all aid provided by this body in its efforts to support NGOs in their missions be non-discriminatory in any form with the exception of differentiation in the distribution of aid in favor of developing Nations on a needs-based criteria. Passed, Yes: 51 / No: 9 / Abstain: 22