



American Model United Nations
General Assembly Plenary

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Agriculture development and food security

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Plenary

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1 *Reaffirming* the statements of the Almaty Declaration and the Food and Agricultural
2 Organization concerning the importance of food security and defining food security as the
3 availability, access, use, and stability of a Member State's food supply,
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5 *Reaffirming* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in regards to the human right
6 to a stable supply of food and the World Summit on Food Security in Rome from 16
7 November 2009 to November 18 2009,
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9 *Welcoming* the gains in productivity made by small-scale farms relative to large
10 corporate or mono-crop farms and that allowing greater access to high-yield, climate
11 specialized, self-reproducing seeds for small-scale farms would greater develop and
12 accentuate their advantages in productivity,
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14 *Acknowledging* that, though women comprise an average of over 40 percent of the
15 agricultural labor force in developing countries, they lack real power in regards to legal
16 access and ownership of land, and would benefit from the existence of micro-financed
17 opportunities focused on managing the daily tasks of both food production,
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19 *Recognizing* that closing the gender gap in agricultural development could help
20 alleviate hunger for 150 million people, thus empowering the female population that is
21 vital to the survival of families worldwide,
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23 *Further Recognizing* that specialized seeds, whose use is restricted by monetary
24 constraints under the current patent system for high-yield varieties and regionally-specific
25 seed types, could assist food deficient States in increasing agricultural productivity and
26 thus, decrease dependence on international food donations,
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28 *Realizing* that patented seeds that are often designed to be unable to create their own
29 offspring, called "terminator seeds," both hinder agricultural independence and
30 sustainability as new seeds must be bought or donated from specific vendors each year,
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32 1. *Urges* Member States, multinational organizations, and other international entities
33 to readjust the disbursement of micro-finance loans to be directed at agriculture to benefit
34 and allow access to the knowledge and funding for women and girls that are currently

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35 restricted;

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37 2. *Promotes* the expansion of access to existing agricultural advances to small-scale,
38 rural farmers through the creation of generic high-yield and specialized seed varieties
39 capable of self-reproduction, just as the availability of generic medicines has expanded
40 access to the most modern medicinal resources available.

Passed, Yes: 53 / No: 6 / Abstain: 26