

American Model United Nations General Assembly Second Committee

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

SUBMITTED TO:

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1 *Recalling* the Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security, particularly the Five Rome Principles for 2 Sustainable Global Food Security,

Taking into consideration the urgent need for action to address the adverse effects of climate change on food security, as well as the root causes of food insecurity, in a manner that takes into account the nature of increasing climate uncertainty, exacerbated extremes, and those communities that are most affected by these conditions,

6 *Recognizing* with concern that climate change will disproportionately negatively affect agriculture, including 7 appropriate practices for water management, drought- and flood-resistant seeds, and sustainable livestock agriculture, 8 and also emphasizing adaptation and mitigation to climate change as a concern and objective for all farmers and 9 food producers, especially small-scale producers,

Emphasizing the mission of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to address the economic strain resulting from food crises by financing agricultural development projects, especially those in developing countries,

Fully aware of caveats that IFAD already has in place to ensure that only member states demonstrating measures of good governance and in actual need of assistance are eligible for such aid,

15 *Concerned about* the resilience of vulnerable food, agricultural, and social systems,

16 Affirming the need for resiliency planning to consider the local strategies in rural communities for climate 17 change resilience and adaption, and to consider the potential for those strategies to be transferred or improved,

18 *Observing* the remaining obstacles faced by women in the agriculture sector in the way of lack of educational 19 resources and support systems,

1. *Calls for* a commitment by member states to appropriate funds to maintain standing pools of funding available to those nations who hope to develop resilient agricultural economies given increasing impacts of climate change according to the following two tracks of Technology, Infrastructure, and Education (TIE) aid:

(a) A series of low interest loans providing immediate relief to those affected by extreme weather
 conditions which will be used by states to stabilize agrarian economies and support farmers most vulnerable to
 economic shocks resulting from extreme weather events;

(b) A series of grants meant to assist countries in expanding technical and institutional capacity essential for agricultural and rural development through development of local capabilities;

28 2. *Encourages* member states to apply for TIE aid and notes that it will be appropriated given all the 29 following conditions are met:

- (a) Low interest loans will be appropriated under the following conditions;
- (i) Extreme weather conditions result in food deficit;
- 32 (ii) Those most vulnerable to the effects of the disaster realize the benefits;
- 33 (iii) The nation adheres to all IFAD standards and procedures;
- 34 (b) Receipt of grants by member states is contingent upon;
- (i) Viable, detailed planning included in the application by the member state to develop their
 infrastructure and technological capabilities pertinent to agricultural development;

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- 37 (ii) Accurate justification of the need for said funding;
- (iii) Continual approval by a review board established to ensure proper distribution of funds as
 defined above;

3. *Further call for* the development of technology and infrastructure, as well as the implementation of educational initiatives, in accordance with the IFAD mission within developing nations through:

42 (a) Developing precision agricultural practices and technologies such as communication systems,
 43 position technologies, sensing technologies, aquaculture technologies, hydroponics, and others;

44 (b) Building infrastructure such as storage facilities, aquifers, wells, and other basic agricultural 45 structures;

46 (c) Educational programs designed to increase local access to and equitable realization of develop-47 ment, increasing capability and skill networks with an emphasis on mentorship relationships among women in the 48 agrarian sector in order to facilitate a mutually beneficial pool of knowledge;

49 4. Supports cooperation between those member states involved in assembling the funds required to sustain 50 this endeavor to secure those natural resources which are most vital for sustaining human welfare by establishing 51 channels of communication;

52 5. *Recommends* a biannual report that details how the dispensed funds have realized the Sustainable Devel-53 opment Goals;

6. *Calls upon* governments to incentivize lending among first time female farmers at rates conducive to sustainable growth and strong consideration of the welfare of the individual aid recipients;

56 7. *Emphasizes* the need for all aid to be administered using the principles of good governance in the spirit 57 of the IFAD's mission.

Passed, Yes: 59 / No: 29 / Abstain: 22