



American Model United Nations
General Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture

SUBMITTED TO: The General Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization

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1 *Reaffirming* the necessity of biodiversity for sustainability as enumerated in the Paris Agreement and the
2 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in its role in preserving ecosystems that provide essential
3 services critical to human well-being, including providing food security,

4 *Noting* the need for access to information on the genetic diversity of seeds being provided to local farmers,

5 *Concerned with* the lack of centralized data accessible by small farmers containing relevant information to
6 their work,

7 *Recognizing* the utility and importance of current Global Information Sharing Systems as referenced in the
8 International Seed Treaty in assisting additional research initiatives and establishing food security,

9 *Noting* the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals, especially in regards to sustainable agriculture,
10 poverty eradication and improvement of human well-being,

11 1. *Requests* the creation of an international database, the International Biodiversity Database (IBD), to
12 better promote biodiversity, sustainability and information sharing from local to international levels, which:

13 (a) Would include information regarding plant species, GMOs or non-GMOs, level of use in different
14 Member States, suitability to different environments, wild or domesticated species currently or previously cultivated,
15 and centers the dispersal of information, seeds and other related materials;

16 (b) Would be open-source and open access for all participating Member States; participation in the
17 database is voluntary and the addition or withholding of information and data can be determined by each Member
18 State;

19 (c) Would publicize underutilized local crops and seeds that can increase biodiversity and crop yields;

20 2. *Encourages* Member States to obtain this information within their own territory as they see fit, either
21 through the use of existing or new organizations and research centers;

22 3. *Calls for* Member States to make the IBD available to farmers and research institutions, assuring that
23 all participants:

24 (a) Understand and advocate the purpose of the aforementioned data collection, including methods
25 of obtaining seeds that persons choose to cultivate or research;

26 (b) Have the knowledge required to successfully implement new seed types into their agricultural
27 practices;

28 (c) Are provided due resources in obtaining awareness and access to the information provided in the
29 database, noting especially rural locales and individuals with fewer means.

Passed, Yes: 29 / No: 0 / Abstain: 1