



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 *Recalling* the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Part III, taking into
2 account Articles 9.1-9.3,

3 *Recognizing* that each Member States would prosper further through the proper use of allocated resources
4 to develop solutions tailored to each member states needs,

5 1. *Encouraging* Member States and farming cooperatives to develop collaborative systems that will facilitate
6 solutions that are specific to the needs of each locality;

7 2. *Requests* the implementation of a decentralized system that reinforces local control and needs on the
8 broader international market that will provide useful tools for communities to engage in sustainable farming that is
9 economically viable;

10 3. *Endorses with hopes* the states to use the following four points for a successful implementation:

11 (a) *Encourage* local cooperatives to enable farmers to compete at a larger scale;

12 (b) *Create* regional breeding programs that place plant species in the public domain;

13 (c) *Encourages* contracts that allow seed-saving, thereby increasing financial security and food se-
14 curity for small farmers;

15 (d) *Work with* Non-Governmental Organizations to support and assist farmers in creating coopera-
16 tives;

17 4. *Supports* the establishment of a United Nations sponsored fair trade organization in order to establish
18 internationally recognized rules and definitions of fair trade.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 6 / Abstain: 3