



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 *Noting with regret* that millions of people all over the world go hungry because of the unsolved crisis of global
2 food security,

3 *Believing* that the threat of famine and death for millions of the world's citizens, especially in those Member
4 States who have not responded adequately to plant genetic erosion,

5 *Recognizing* that under-developed agricultural markets often do not have the availability of genetically mod-
6 ified organism (GMO) products and non-GMO seeds,

7 *Reaffirming* the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (PGRFA), which
8 guarantees food security through the conservation, exchange and sustainable use of the world's plant genetic resources,
9 as well as the fair and equitable benefit sharing arising from its use,

10 *Stressing* the importance of cooperation and unity amongst all FAO Member States to combat any and all
11 threats to food security,

12 *Guided by* the principles laid out and enshrined in the International Treaty on PGRFA,

13 1. *Welcomes* non-governmental organizations (NGO) including One Acre Fund, World Concern Interna-
14 tional, Common Ground Initiative, Africa Agriculture Development Company, UK Aid Direct and any other willing
15 NGOs from Member States to create a collective fund which:

16 (a) Recommends the raising of finances from volunteer organizations listed in the FAO Agricultural
17 Investment Funds for Developing Countries program and willing Member States;

18 (b) Further recommends the creation of an administrative body comprised of FAO and World Trade
19 Organization (WTO) members to facilitate the awarding of NGO and Member State donated funds;

20 2. *Recommends* grant funds be dispensed bi-annually for under-developed Member States which demonstrate
21 a need for assisted financing in order to operate their agricultural programs;

22 3. *Has resolved* that applicant financial needs be determined following the submission of any and all gov-
23 ernmental and non-governmental documentation for annual harvest budgets;

24 4. *Welcomes* Member States suffering from food insecurity to use said grants funds for purposes of buying
25 both GMO products and non-GMO seeds to assist in their effort to combat plant genetic erosion;

26 5. *Proclaims* that all qualifying applicants be defined as Member States listed in the serious, alarming and
27 extremely alarming categories by the International Food Policy Research Institute's Global Hunger Index from years
28 2007-2017 and farmers unable to produce crop yields based on existing research by the Agricultural Investment Funds
29 for Developing Countries.

Passed, Yes: 20 / No: 0 / Abstain: 4