



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

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Antimicrobial resistance

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

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1 *Noting with concern* the lack of coordination regarding research practices, which limits the development of
2 new antimicrobial drugs that are needed in order to keep up with worldwide demand,

3 *Emphasizing* that further research on the development of new technologies for combating current antimicro-
4 bial resistant pathogens is important,

5 *Recalling* previous forums specialized on research and development to promote quality and affordability,

6 *Fully aware* that more funding is needed in order to develop and implement sustainability and best practices,

7 1. *Encourages* the creation of an accessible international network for linking research efforts between Member
8 States:

9 (a) Similar to existing FAO online networks such as FAOSTAT, which provide free and accessible
10 agricultural data gathered from Member States;

11 (b) To reduce any duplication of research efforts and ensure developing Member States have access
12 to information they themselves cannot provide;

13 (c) Connecting all research in the area of antimicrobial resistance;

14 (i) Including research into new antimicrobial drugs, methods for prevention and best practices for
15 containing crises;

16 (ii) Conducted through Member States' independent research;

17 2. *Recommends* individuals and private groups such as corporations, research institutes and bilateral orga-
18 nizations to further research by contributing data to this network regarding:

19 (a) The research and development of new antimicrobial drugs;

20 (b) Best practices for the prescription and usage of newly developed drugs;

21 3. *Endorses* the continuation of periodic forums to discuss long term sustainable solutions for the optimal
22 conservation of and equitable access to antimicrobial drugs;

23 4. *Supports* the facilitation of increased communication and collaboration between existing initiatives for
24 incentivising antibiotic research:

25 (a) Including international and national initiatives such as the Joint Programming Initiative on
26 Antimicrobial Resistance and New Drugs for Bad Bugs program;

27 (b) In order to find and address potential problems such as;

28 (i) Limited support for the last stages of antibiotic development that can be addressed by improving
29 current procedures for expediting market approval;

30 (ii) Limited contributions to prize pools currently used to reward successful research and develop-
31 ment;

32 5. *Strongly recommends* Member States to support means for making the network widely accessible:

33 (a) In order to ensure that researchers, healthcare practitioner and all those in agriculture-related
34 industries have access to the information network;

35 (b) By encouraging regional, national and local governments as well as international advocacy groups
36 to promote the network by emphasizing its benefits and encouraging data contributions.

Passed by consensus, with 1 abstentions