



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 *Recognizing* the effects of diseases that cross borders to wreak havoc,

2 *Suggesting* action to combat the threat of microbes that transcend national borders,

3 *Noting* the need to recognize national sovereignty while also encouraging cooperation on issues that affect
4 the whole globe,

5 *Highlighting* the number of current techniques utilized by many Member States to secure their own borders
6 against biohazards,

7 *Promoting* awareness that increases caution when dealing with the transfer of microbes across borders is
8 necessary for biosafety,

9 1. *Suggests* that Member States reevaluate their border security with an eye towards ending the transnational
10 flow of illegal, unstandardized antimicrobial medicines, contaminated seeds and infected livestock for the following
11 purposes:

12 (a) To contain infections of antimicrobial resistant bacteria;

13 (b) To prevent the misuse of antimicrobial medicine;

14 2. *Further suggests* that the following specifications be followed in regards to border security:

15 (a) Recommends the implementation of new scanning technology;

16 (b) Further recommends that Member States evaluate the status of their border security and, subject
17 to national sovereignty, implement the appropriate measures related to controlling biohazards between national
18 boundaries;

19 3. *Encourages* the exchange and adoption of best practices among Member States in regards to pragmatic
20 security against biohazards, including sensible restrictions on trade of highly contagious animals and crop varieties,
21 randomized scans and laboratory tests of imported and exported agricultural products and friendly notification of
22 possible biohazard sources by one Member State to another.

Passed by consensus, with 11 abstentions