



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 *Emphasizing* the importance of sustainable practices in producing food, fuel and fiber for the ever-growing
2 world population,

3 *Intending* to form a trusting relationship with the citizens of individual and international communities along
4 with its farmers and scientists,

5 *Recognizing* Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Resolution 8/83 of 23 November
6 1983 and the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for
7 Food and Agriculture of 1997 (PGRFA) and the Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food
8 and Agriculture in 2011,,

9 *Guided by* the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture,

10 *Reaffirming* articles 5 and 6 of the PGRFA,

11 *Acknowledging* a failure to address sustainability on the international level will leave many Member States
12 at risk for food insecurity and devastation of natural resources,

13 *Recognizing* the importance of the responsible use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in production
14 agriculture,

15 *Taking into consideration* the importance of allowing Member States to maintain their sovereignty as it
16 relates to observation and data records,

17 1. *Welcomes* the continued participation of Member States in implementing their national action plans for
18 the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, working towards their sustainable development
19 goals, and supports the efforts made by farmers and educators worldwide;

20 2. *Urges* the international community, in accordance with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Re-
21 sources for Food and Agriculture, to focus on sustainable agriculture and natural resource management, paying
22 particular attention to:

23 (a) Ensuring food security;

24 (b) Resilience to climate change;

25 3. *Invites* support for Member States in their efforts to coordinate internal bodies for the purpose of
26 implementing and following through with their national action plans for the sustainable use of plant genetic resources
27 for food and agriculture;

28 4. *Recommends* the implementation of voluntary observation measures conducted by individual Member
29 States for the sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, for the purposes of:

30 (a) Supporting Member States' implementation of their national action plans;

31 (b) Preventing the misuse or mismanagement of resources;

32 (c) Recording data necessary for the response of individual Member States to the body;

33 5. *Encourages* education on both the benefits and dangers of GMOs by:

34 (a) Focusing on unbiased, reliable scientific information, that promotes research and understanding
35 of GMOs;

- 36 (b) Discussing the strengths of GMO as they relate to sustainability;
- 37 (c) Informing communities of the risks of improper use of GMOs;
- 38 (d) Inviting Member States to collaborate and share information with one another.

Passed, Yes: 19 / No: 1 / Abstain: 1