



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* that the United Nations has a responsibility to its Member States to protect them from inter-
2 national threats,

3 *Deeply disturbed* by the spread of antimicrobial-resistant pathogens among crops,

4 *Further recognizing* that antimicrobial resistance is a worldwide health concern,

5 *Realizing* the necessity for increased international cooperation and communication about resistant bacteria
6 outbreaks,

7 *Concerned* for the public health of the United Nations Member States,

8 *Recalling* the High Level Meeting of the United Nations on Antimicrobial Resistance on the 21st of September
9 2016, where the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) described antimicrobial resistance as a
10 fundamental threat to human health, development and security and advocated for swift and effective action across
11 multiple sectors of health,

12 *Alarmed* that despite international action, the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in pathogens continues
13 to grow at an troubling rate,

14 1. *Encourages* Member States who regulate the use of antibiotics and have followed the steps outlined in
15 the WHO's Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance to take action;

16 2. *Recommends* that Member States support the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resis-
17 tance to provide practical guidance addressing antimicrobial resistance;

18 3. *Calls for* Member States to increase national research funding for laboratories, academic institutions, non-
19 governmental organizations and corporations with the goal of better understanding the implications of antimicrobial
20 resistance in infection prevention and control as well as combat antimicrobial resistance through the development of
21 novel antimicrobial agents;

22 4. *Requests* that the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance establish a grant-making
23 program which will:

24 (a) Provide funding for laboratories, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and
25 corporations;

26 (b) Evaluate and choose the aforementioned institutions based on their submission of proposals for
27 projects regarding;

28 (i) The implications of antimicrobial resistance;

29 (ii) The discovery of new antibiotics and antivirals.

Passed by consensus, with 5 abstentions