



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 increased prevalence of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across the globe, especially with
2 regards to agricultural use,

3 *Deeply concerned* by the detrimental effects of widespread AMR,

4 *Noting* that improper and increased use of antibiotics for both preventative and curative practices has led
5 to the escalation of AMR,

6 *Further noting* that a lack of education has perpetuated the excessive use of antibiotics, especially in an
7 agricultural context,

8 1. *Reminds* Member States that there is a critical difference in purpose and outcome between preventatively
9 feeding livestock with antibiotics and curatively treating livestock with antibiotics;

10 2. *Strongly affirms* the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance,
11 particularly in its reference to recommending the restriction of low-level, non-therapeutic administration antimicrobials
12 in the livestock industry;

13 3. *Encourages* Member States to increase education and awareness among both the public and farmers by
14 government-funded programs and non-governmental organizations regarding the following:

15 (a) AMR and the overuse of antibiotics;

16 (b) The nature of AMR in animals, particularly livestock;

17 (c) The nature of AMR in crops and seeds;

18 4. *Urges* Member States to promote a higher quality of animal welfare and the use of antibiotics for preventing
19 diseases as opposed to the current culture of using antibiotics for preemptive treatment of disease;

20 5. *Requests* that Member States review their prohibition on the use antibiotics without prescription so as to
21 preclude farmers' ability to use them for preemptive and non-therapeutic purposes;

22 6. *Supports* further educating veterinarians regarding the dangers of overprescription of antibiotics to live-
23 stock in both a preventative and curative context;

24 7. *Urges* Member States to implement programs that use veterinary medicine and guided regulations to
25 ensure appropriate use of antibiotics in agriculture in both a preventative and curative context;

26 8. *Recommends* that Member States implement regular surveys on the knowledge, attitudes and practices
27 regarding AMR;

28 9. *Strongly encourages* Member States to participate in the protocols set out by the Global Antimicrobial
29 Resistance Surveillance System (GLASS) in order to combat AMR.

Passed by consensus, with 2 abstentions