



*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 *Concerned* by the abundance of antimicrobial-resistant strains of disease,

2 *Understanding* that current sanitation methods lead to increasing amounts of disease amongst crops and  
3 livestock,

4 *Recognizing* that this problem is especially relevant to developing Member States, deepening the problem of  
5 antimicrobial resistance in those nations,

6 *Noting* that an improvement in reduced antimicrobial sanitary methods will lead to a decrease in animal  
7 illness, which in turn will decrease the likelihood of antimicrobial resistance further developing,

8 *Bearing in mind* the cost of good animal husbandry, and that good animal husbandry practices will promote  
9 sustainable agriculture, improving the long term economic growth in developing member states,

10 *Trusting* the ongoing authority of Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) in  
11 addressing the issue of antimicrobial resistance,

12 *Reaffirming* the crucial role of enhanced sanitation methods acting in hand with the similar expansion of  
13 education and research in regards to excessive antimicrobial use,

14 1. *Supports* the development of a standard language of universal sanitary guidelines as defined by JECFA  
15 and expanding their function to include both the products of agriculture and their production:

16 (a) The expansion of JECFA's investigatory practices into the hygiene of food during its upbringing;

17 (b) JECFA standards include, but are not limited to, the improvement of animal husbandry methods  
18 and living conditions in a non-sterile environment;

19 2. Member States that create domestic policies in compliance with JECFA standards will be considered for  
20 those limited research grants awarded on a yearly basis:

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22 sidered for those limited research grants awarded on a yearly basis;

23 (b) These grants will be obtainable only once every three years in order to discourage the abuse of  
24 these awards;

25 (c) These awards will encourage Member States who are best able to intertwine existing JECFA  
26 standards with their own domestic policies to do so;

27 3. *Urges* the implementation of policies on a case by case basis, acting towards the preservation of reduced  
28 antimicrobial hygienic situations for the keeping of animals and crops:

29 (a) This policy ensures that the producer is in accordance with JECFA standards, which stresses  
30 hygiene, focused on sanitation through natural exposure of these animal products rather than excessive reliance on  
31 overmedicated environments;

32 4. *Endorses* the creation of channels of communication between JECFA experts and individual nations'  
33 agricultural experts to best coordinate the formation of effective local policy:

34 (a) This will allow for the effective domestic formation of a common verbiage surrounding sanitary  
35 standards to ease international communication without placing undue demands upon signatory states;

36 5. *Encourages* cooperation among biliteral agencies, research centers, foundations and multilateral develop-  
37 ment banks in order to increase funding for JECFA, focusing on research regarding proper use of antimircobials.

Passed by consensus, with 2 abstentions