

General Assembly

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regarding Agricultural Technology for Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned that the eradication of poverty and hunger is one of the greatest global challenges the world is currently facing,

Considering the increasing need to innovate in agriculture and food production in order to respond to the challenges posed by climate change, urbanization and globalization, and recognizing that sustainable and appropriate agricultural technologies can greatly benefit the growth, improve poverty, and eradicate hunger in developing countries,

Further concerned that continued support is required in order for the entire African continent to meet the internationally agreed upon Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly ending hunger and achieving food security as outlined in SDG 2,

Noting the relatively slow progress so far in achieving the aforementioned goals and recognizing the need to greatly increase the efforts of the international community in the attempt to meet the hunger targets, particularly halving the proportion of people who suffer from hunger,

Further noting that globally, about 795 million people are estimated to still be undernourished, and 90 million of that figure are under the age of five,

Keeping in mind the vital role of women in the agricultural sector and their contribution to enhancing agricultural and rural development, and eradicating rural poverty,

Further emphasizing the fact that meaningful progress in agricultural development depends on closing the gender gap and ensuring that women have equal access to agricultural technologies and related discussions

Expecting that technological methods to advance the development goals should be sustainable, and easily accessible to those who suffer from extreme hunger and malnourishment,

1. *Calls upon* all nations to promote the development and transportation of appropriate and sustainable agricultural technologies to developing countries, and to increase efforts to promote agricultural technology research;
2. *Calls for* all nations to make adjustments to their national policies and strategies to include the agricultural development for developing countries in effort to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 by the year 2030, and to freely share all new knowledge and research to relevant bodies of the United Nations;
3. *Encourages* governments to develop and implement effective youth-focused agricultural development projects and programmes by the year 2019, including thorough training and education, in order to stimulate the interest and the involvement of youth in sustainable agriculture;
4. *Requests* all nations, especially those with less than 17% of their population suffering from food insecurity, to provide 0.5% of their GDP to the development and research of agricultural technologies for the express use of developing countries.

Submitter: Zimbabwe
Seconder: Ethiopia
Negator: Luxembourg