Forum: Economic and Social Council

QUESTION : The question regarding the GMOs

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The Economic and Social Council,

*Stressing* the already acknowledged problems that arise due to the use and consumption of GMOs,

*Recognizes* that GMOs could potentially benefit the human species and should therefore not be entirely prohibited,

1. Requests to build a legislative structure that permits the sale and consumption of GMOs, through thorough investigations and studies that will determine the safety of GMOs. Following this procedure will;

1. Ban any new growth of GMOs,
2. Require the allocation of tax revenue in order to fund the investigations,
3. Raise taxes from already being sold GMOs,
4. Impose a general sales tax on consumption of food containing GMOs;

2. Requires that the certification of GMOs is met with harsh safety regulations and relevant research. Following this procedure will;

1. Ensure that new GMOs are tested before being permitted for consumption;

3. Acknowledges the fact that the government isn’t responsible for any future problems with permitted GMOs, because there will always be a mentioned risk;

4. Requests the banning of consumption of certain GMOs which have resulted in problems in the past, until further research is done;

5. Requests to limit all trade of GMOs by implementing trade restrictions (for example quota's), until the previous clauses have been thoroughly researched or investigated, with the investigation being conducted by neutral UN executives or third party research programs with supervision of the UN executives;

6. Suggests to install a UN backed institution that subsidizes poor farmers, educates them and to form collectives so they can buy approved GMO’s so large companies/farmers don’t push them out of the market;

7. Emphasises the urgency of research on positive and negative effects of GMO, considering they could be a possible solution to climate change and famine.