

Subject: Resolution on Mitigating Food Waste in Guyana

Honorable Delegates,

As representing the delegation of Guyana concerning the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) committee, I have been actively collaborating to address critical food waste issues inside and outside our nation.

Recognizing the significant social, economic, and environmental impacts of food waste,
Acknowledging the importance of efficient food management systems and sustainable consumption practices,

Emphasizing the need to minimize food loss throughout the food supply chain,
Operative clauses:

- **Development of a National Food Waste Reduction Strategy:** Suggests the government to create a comprehensive strategy in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including farmers, businesses, and civil society, to minimize food waste at all stages of the supply chain, from production to consumption.
- **Promotion of Consumer Education and Awareness:** Encourages educational campaigns targeting consumers to raise awareness about the impacts of food waste and to promote responsible consumption, smart shopping practices, and the proper handling and storage of food.
- **Support for Food Recovery and Redistribution Programs:** Calls for the establishment and support of initiatives to recover surplus food from producers, retailers, and consumers, facilitating its redistribution to those in need through food banks, shelters, and other community organizations throughout the country.
- **Implementation of Technology and Innovation:** Recommends the exploration and adoption of innovative technologies and practices, such as smart packaging, cold chain management, and digital platforms, to reduce food deterioration and increase the shelf life of perishable goods.
- **Collaboration with International Partners and Organizations:** Encourages collaboration with international entities, including the FAO and relevant NGOs, to access expertise, best practices, and funding opportunities to effectively tackle food waste issues in Guyana.

The delegation of Guyana wishes all member states to support and endorse this resolution to mitigate food waste, promote sustainable consumption, and contribute to a more efficient and equitable food system in our country.

Thank you.
Sincerely.