

## **General Assembly Third Committee**

Sponsors: Sierra Leone

Topic/Problematic: How can UN members participate in the global effort to reduce food waste?

*The Forum for Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),*

*Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international agreements,*

*Alarmed by the global magnitude of food waste and its detrimental effects on health, food security and sustainable development,*

*Recognizing the United Nations commitment to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 12.3, which aims to halve per capita global food waste by 2030,*

*Acknowledging its role in facilitating international cooperation to address multiple issues related to food production, consumption, and waste,*

### **1. Establishment of a National Task Force:**

- a. *Calls upon* co-signatories to establish National Task Forces, solely relying on their respective governmental financial aids and resources, on Reducing Food Waste within three months,
- b. *Encourages* the inclusion of representatives from relevant government ministries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and academic institutions in the Task Forces,
- c. *Requests* the FAO to provide technical assistance and expertise through the recruitment of experts in numerous fields to support the establishment and functioning of National Task Forces;

### **2. Implementation of Educational Programs:**

- a. *Urges* co-signatories to initiate comprehensive educational programs, its system and enforcement depending on the countries preferences, on responsible food consumption and reduction of food waste,
- b. *Calls* for financial, technological and strategic collaboration between co-signatories and the FAO to develop and implement educational materials, workshops, and campaigns,
- c. *Inciting* the inclusion of sustainable food practices in the national educational curriculum depending on the governmental will to enforce it or to make it a facultative program;

### **3. Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Practices:**

- a. *Encourages* the governments to invest in (for countries in financial difficulties, a financial aid through co-signatory parties will be organized if there is a request, which will be evaluated, collected and enforced by the FAO) and adopt advanced technologies, storage facilities, and transportation systems to minimize post-harvest losses,
- b. *Calls* for international cooperation in sharing best practices and technologies to enhance agricultural resilience through regular conferences within the UN headquarters;

**4. Global Research Collaboration:**

a. *Calls upon* all co-signatory governments to allocate resources for collaborative international research on innovative technologies and strategies to reduce food waste throughout the supply chain,

b. *Encourages* the establishment of a global research consortium within the UN headquarters, with contributions from academia, industry, and governmental institutions;

**5. Strengthening Legal Frameworks:**

a. *Prompts* co-signatory governments to review and enhance their legal frameworks pertaining to food waste reduction, incorporating measures to penalize excessive waste (depending on the state's will) and incentivize responsible practices,

b. *Calls for* the sharing of best practices in legislative approaches among co-signatory nations through the regular conferences within UN headquarters;

**6. Public-Private Partnerships:**

a. *Commends* co-signatory governments for fostering public-private partnerships with the intent of raising awareness to address food waste challenges,

b. *Encourages* the expansion of such collaborations, emphasizing the role of businesses (which will get advantages such as the possibility to address specific issues to the FAO forum) in adopting sustainable practices and promoting consumer awareness;

**7. Development of Smart Technologies:**

a. *Calls upon* co-signatory governments to invest in and financially, materially support the development and implementation of technologies such as IoT, blockchain, and data analytics in the food supply chain;

**8. Capacity Building in Developing Nations:**

a. *Encourages* more advanced signatories to participate in the global effort for capacity building,

b. *Urges* co-signatory governments to provide technical and financial support for capacity building initiatives in these nations, emphasizing knowledge transfer and skill development;

**9. Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms:**

a. *Calls for* the establishment of standardized monitoring and reporting mechanisms on food waste at the national and international levels in order to make research on food waste more accessible, thus raising awareness on the topic,

b. *Invites* co-signatory governments to actively participate in data-sharing initiatives to enhance global understanding and cooperation in addressing food waste.