

## Sample United Nations Resolution #2

Re: Genetic Engineering (SOMA XXXIV)

The General Assembly,

*Defining* genetic engineering as alteration of genetic material in a living organism, through use of recombinant DNA, a prevalent practice in industries such as food and medicine,

*Aware* that genetically altered food may provide a quick remedy to many countries in famine, as it is more resistant to pests and can thrive in hostile conditions present in many underdeveloped countries,

*Stressing* that no research adequately shows the effects of genetically altered species on the environment and therefore the full consequences of genetic engineering are unknown,

*Worried* by scientific reports indicating that genetically modified species may severely disrupt natural ecosystems and evolution,

*Alarmed* that genetically engineered products may induce severe life-threatening allergies in human consumers,

*Dismayed* by many biotechnology corporations' apparent intentions to monopolize the agricultural industry in third world countries,

*Distressed* by governments' lack of coordinated regulations to control the potentially dangerous experiments that could risk human safety and sustainability,

*Lauding* the adoption of the Montreal Biosafety Protocol by over one hundred countries, giving governments the power to define genetic engineering and formulate their proper regulations,

*Decrying* companies which do not label their products to inform the consumers of the products' genetically modified nature and their potential risks

1. *Encourages* all governments to impose strict regulations on genetic engineering and products;
2. *Requests* the establishment of International Criteria for Genetically Engineered Products (ICGEP), to serve as an international standard for governments and corporations;
3. *Mandates* the creation of the Genetically Engineered Products Assessment Consortium (GEPAC), an independent organization under the United Nations banner that assesses the safety of genetically modified products at governments' requests;
4. *Calls for* closer scrutiny into biotechnological corporations such as Monsanto, which are monopolizing the economy of third world countries through use of genetically altered products;
5. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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Seconded by: Portugal