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7 WAYS TO AMEND

FAO CONFERENCE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

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1) DELETE A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to delete a phrase or an entire paragraph:

PP5 **[ARG DEL ~~Strongly~~]** supporting the significant contributions made by FAO in addressing AMR through the development and implementation of the FAO Action Plans on AMR (2016-2020 and 2021-2025); **[BRA DEL PP5]**

2) ADD A WORD, PHRASE, SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH

With an amendment to add:

OP1 URGES FAO Members to:

a. **[GER ADD: Strongly]** Support efforts to address research gaps

3) REPLACE A WORD, PHRASE, OR SECTION IN A PARAGRAPH WITH NEW TEXT

With an amendment to replace a phrase:

PP 2 **[USA REP: Deeply concerned ~~Acknowledging~~]** that AMR affects all people and is present in all countries.

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4) ADD A COMPLETELY NEW PARAGRAPH IN BETWEEN TWO EXISTING PARAGRAPHS

PP10 **Recognizing** the urgent need to scale up long-term investments at national, regional and global levels to sustainably support the demands of rising livestock and aquaculture production;

PP10 bis AUS Acknowledging that small-scale livestock and aquaculture producers, particularly in developing countries, may face financial and technical challenges in adopting disease prevention measures that reduce the need for antimicrobials;

The addition of the word 'bis' after PP10 indicates that Australia is proposing that this new paragraph be inserted between PP10 and PP 11.

If additional new paragraphs were added immediately after PP10 bis, the sequence would be marked as follows:

PP10 ter
PP10 quater
PP10 quinquies
etc.

5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH

There are different types of alternate paragraphs.

One type of alternate paragraph occurs when a delegate wants to delete a paragraph and replace it with a new paragraph. Let's imagine a delegate wants to delete PP10 and propose a completely new paragraph in its place: See example below:

P10 **Recognizing** the urgent need to scale up long-term investments at national, regional and global levels to sustainably support the demands of rising livestock and aquaculture production; **[CAN DEL]**

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5) ADD AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF A PARAGRAPH (CONT.)

PP10 ALT CAN Recognizing the importance of strengthening veterinary services and laboratory capacity to improve the early detection of animal diseases and antimicrobial resistance in livestock and aquaculture, particularly in developing countries;

In this instance, the two paragraphs are completely different. Canada's alternate paragraph focuses on a different idea than the one they want to delete.

A second type of an alternate paragraph maintains the central idea expressed in the original paragraph but chooses a different way to express it. See example below:

Original Paragraph:

PP4 **Noting** the development of FAO tools and initiatives, including the launch of the RENOFARM initiative (reduce the need for antimicrobial on farms) and the International FAO Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring (InFARM) system;

Alternate Paragraph:

OP 3 ALT NOR: Recognizing FAO's efforts to promote responsible antimicrobial use in agrifood systems through initiatives such as RENOFARM, which supports reducing the need for antimicrobials on farms, and InFARM, which strengthens the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance;

The alternative retains the original paragraph's central idea—acknowledging FAO's RENOFARM and InFARM initiatives—but expresses it differently. It also explains the purpose of each initiative more clearly.

A third type of alternate paragraph is one that propose an alternative version to a new paragraph that has been proposed. In the example below, Botswana is proposing an alternate version to the new paragraph PP10 bis that Australia proposed above:

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PP10 bis ALT BOT Recognizing that small-scale livestock and aquaculture producers, especially in developing countries, often lack the financial resources and technical support needed to implement disease prevention practices that can reduce their reliance on antimicrobials;

When you compare this to the new paragraph proposed by Australia on the top of page 2, you will see that Botswana keeps the same idea expressed by Australia in its new paragraph but rewords it

If the paragraph that is being proposed is completely different and adds new content that does not appear anywhere else in the resolution, it should be entered as a new paragraph as illustrated in example #4.

6) MOVE A PARAGRAPH TO ANOTHER PLACE IN THE RESOLUTION

PP3 **Recognizing** the critical role of soil health, integrated water management, sustainable use of agricultural inputs, including appropriate fertilizer use, and use of integrated pest management strategies to reduce inappropriate antimicrobial use (AMU) in crop production systems;
[PERU MOVE PP3 between PP5 and PP6]

7) MERGE TWO PARAGRAPHS INTO ONE

PP2 **Acknowledging** that AMR affects all people and is present in all countries, requiring global action, joint efforts and international cooperation;

PP11 **Affirming** the importance of effectively addressing AMR through a One Health approach, meaning cross-sectoral, coordinated inter-disciplinary efforts across human, animal, environmental and plant health, as well as other relevant sectors, utilizing the whole of FAO's collective expertise in an integrated manner; **[ITA MERGE PP2 and 11]**