

## **Resolution Template**

[ADVANCE RESOLUTION - RECEIVED November 7, 2023 from the National Farmers Union \(NFU\) office.](#)

### **Title: No VUAs on levy-funded varieties**

**Whereas:** Variety Use Agreements (VUAs) have previously been broadly rejected by farmers as a viable funding model in the Cereals sector, and

**Whereas:** VUA varieties which lack proper, regional, scientific, performance and disease testing data have been published in the seed guide varieties listing and market place, and

**Whereas:** VUAs increase seeding costs to the farmer, and

**Whereas:** Variety developers and/or seed companies have an incentive to impose VUAs onto the market, and if given the opportunity, would eliminate non-VUA varieties in order to create a monopoly of VUA varieties over time, at which point per-acre fees could be increased at will by those who hold control on these varieties, and

**Whereas:** VUAs would decrease seed grower autonomy and take away farmer control over their own seed

**Therefore, be it resolved:** That pulse varieties funded fully or partially by levy-payers will not have Variety Use Agreements (VUAs) attached.

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