

**RESOLUTION No. 408**

**REPORT "STATE OF AND OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE AND  
RURAL LIFE IN THE AMERICAS 2005"**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.S/N(05) Report "State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas 2005,"

CONSIDERING:

That in the Ministerial Declaration of Bavaro the countries of the Americas pledged to attach special importance to and make significant progress in reducing the level of rural poverty;

That the Ministers of Agriculture, in the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action, subsequently endorsed by the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, pledged to modernize agriculture and promote rural prosperity and food security;

That Article 3.a. of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture states that the Board shall take note of the report of the Director General on the status of the development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the Americas;

That the Director General has presented to the Member States a report on the state of and outlook for agriculture and rural life in the Americas 2005, which focuses on the role of agriculture in contributing to the generation of employment and the alleviation of rural poverty;

RESOLVES:

To accept the report "State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural life in the Americas 2005," presented by the General Directorate, and to underscore the importance of same for the governments of the region as an instrument for analyzing and formulating policies.