

RESOLUTION N°.429

**2006 REPORT “STATE OF AND OUTLOOK FOR
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIFE IN THE AMERICAS”**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Fourteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.308(07), “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas, 2006”,

CONSIDERING:

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

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

That the General Directorate of IICA has presented to the Member States of the Institute a report on the state of and outlook for agriculture and rural life in the Americas in 2006, which highlights the role of agriculture in contributing to job creation and the alleviation of rural poverty,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome the 2006 report on the “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas”, presented by the General Directorate of IICA, and to highlight the importance of that report to the governments of the region as an instrument for analyzing and formulating policy.
2. To urge the Director General to circulate that report as widely as possible in an effort to contribute to the agricultural production sector in the hemisphere and

to highlight the growing importance of agriculture in the region's socioeconomic development.