

RESOLUTION No. 449

**INSTITUTIONALIZING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION-TRADE CHAINS (VALUE CHAINS)
AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS**

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

CONSIDERING:

The impact the entire agri-food value chain can have in increasing agricultural productivity, raising the incomes of farmers and rural persons, improving trade capacity, and strengthening food security;

The importance of designing policies and strategies for the agricultural sector that take into consideration the views and needs of the members of the value chain to effectively inform Ministers' deliberations;

The fact that the Ministerial meetings held in Guatemala 2007 and in Jamaica 2009 each held successful consultations with members of the value chain to effectively inform Minister's proceedings;

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage the hosts of future Ministerial meetings to host a consultative dialogue with members of the value chain, with a view to providing insights useful in the Ministers' proceedings:
2. To ask IICA to work with the government hosting the Ministerial meeting and provide support, as appropriate, to ensure the success of the consultation with members of the value chain.