

RESOLUTION No. 492

**REPORT ON “THE OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
IN THE AMERICAS: A PERSPECTIVE ON LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN 2015-2016”**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2015-2016,”

CONSIDERING:

That, in the Ministerial Declaration Bávaro 2001, the countries of the Americas pledged to target the problem of rural poverty and make significant strides in reducing it;

That Article 3.a of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA establishes that this highest-level governing body of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is to take note of the report of the Director General of the Institute on the status of the development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the Americas; and,

That the General Directorate has presented to the Member States of IICA the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2015-2016,” which highlights the role played by agriculture in contributing to the creation of employment and the reduction of rural poverty,

RESOLVES:

To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2015-2016,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as an extremely useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.