

RESOLUTION No. 384

CONSOLIDATION OF THE INSTITUTE'S TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

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

CONSIDERING:

That the States of the Americas are engaged in a series of actions that form part of their efforts to modernize agriculture, make progress in the area of food security and achieve the well-being of rural communities, in compliance with the mandates issued at the Third Summit in Quebec City, Canada, and in the Ministerial Declaration of Bavaro, Dominican Republic;

That this set of mandates forms part of the efforts of governments and civil society to respond to the challenges posed by the new environment and to seize the opportunities that it offers, working together in partnership to achieve the millennium development goals;

That, following the approval of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action at the Second Ministerial Meeting held within the Summits of the Americas process, it is important that IICA and other regional and hemispheric international organizations provide the support that governments and civil society need to implement it;

That, in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.362(XXII-O/02), the Executive Committee endorsed the General Directorate's efforts to continue transforming the Institute, within the framework of the present Convention, to make it an effective development organization that promotes the sustainable development of agriculture, food security and the prosperity of rural communities in the Americas;

That the Director General of IICA has been keeping the Executive Committee and the IABA informed of the progress being made with the strategy and process of transforming the Institute to equip it with technical capabilities that will allow it to support the Member States more effectively and form part of the new institutional framework required in the Americas for achieving agricultural and rural development,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the efforts undertaken by the Director General, with support from the Member States and within the framework of the present Convention, to transform IICA and equip it with the technical capabilities it needs to support its Member States more effectively.
2. To recognize the importance of the “Working Together” strategy that IICA has been implementing as a means of improving the service that the group of international organizations provides to the Member States and, in order to strengthen that strategy, to instruct the Director General to actively promote IICA partnerships with multilateral and regional financial organizations.
3. To urge the Member States to lend the support needed to consolidate the transformation of the Institute and achieve the expected results, and, through their participation in the governing bodies of financial institutions to encourage the latter to strengthen their ties with the Institute and their involvement in the execution of high-priority agricultural and rural development projects.