

RESOLUTION No. 385

HEMISPHERIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ON AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

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

CONSIDERING:

That the executive and technical officers of the ministries of agriculture and private sector organizations are in permanent need of reliable, up-to-date information on agricultural sector and trade policies, and forecasts of production and consumption in the countries of the hemisphere;

That this information should make it easier to conduct comparative studies, take advantage of successful initiatives, facilitate the design and modification of national strategies and policies, and make progress with regional and hemispheric integration processes;

That there is a need to enhance technical cooperation capabilities and facilitate the countries' access to such cooperation keyed to the specific agricultural development requirements of the Institute's Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the General Directorate, with support from the institutions of the Member States, with:
 - a. Implementing and maintaining an information system on agricultural policies, the agencies that formulate them, experiences related to their implementation, and the availability of high-level experts on these subjects; and
 - b. Continuing the efforts under way to strengthen horizontal cooperation in this field.

2. To pledge to provide the General Directorate of the Institute with the information required for operating the system and to collaborate in its development and implementation.