

RESOLUTION No. 444

2006-2010 IICA MEDIUM-TERM PLAN

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.479 (06) "2006-2010 IICA Medium-Term Plan,"

CONSIDERING:

That, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.421 (XIII-O/05), asked the Director General to prepare the Medium-Term Plan (MTP) of the Institute for the 2006-2010 period;

That the IABA, in that same resolution, authorized the Executive Committee to approve the Plan at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting;

That, in preparing the 2006-2010 MTP, the Director General used as basic guidelines: the mandates of the Summit of the Americas process; the Ministerial Declaration of Bavaro and the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan; and the priorities defined by the Member States for the Institute's action;

That, in accordance with the recommendations of the Member States, in the process of preparing the MTP, the Director General facilitated a broad process of consultation in the Member States that also made it possible to incorporate the proposals of the Regional Forums of Ministers of Agriculture and the recommendations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues;

That Article 88 (b) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate establishes the Special Funds, made up of voluntary contributions by the Member States or received from other sources to finance special programs or projects approved by the Executive Committee of the Institute;

That the strategic priorities established in the 2006-2010 MTP are as follows: (i) promoting trade and the competitiveness of agribusinesses; (ii) promoting the development of rural communities based on a territorial approach; (iii) promoting

agricultural health and food safety; (iv) promoting the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment; (v) promoting the introduction of technology and innovation for the modernization of agriculture and rural development; and (vi) contributing to the repositioning of agriculture and rural life and the renewal of their institutional framework;

That the Executive Committee set up a special working group and tasked it with incorporating the suggestions of the Member States into the proposed MTP presented in IICA/CE/Doc.479, which has since been modified and includes the recommendations made by the aforementioned working group,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the version of the 2006-2010 IICA Medium-Term Plan which contains the recommendations made by the Special Working Group as the guiding framework for the Institute's actions during the period under reference.
2. To instruct the Director General to take an active role in encouraging the permanent observers, third countries, enterprises, foundations, funding agencies, associate countries with which IICA has signed cooperation agreements, and other donors to make contributions to strengthen the Special Funds and thereby support the execution of the strategic priorities included in the 2006-2010 MTP.
3. To urge Member States to make voluntary contributions, above and beyond their quota contributions to the Institute, to strengthen those Special Funds.
4. To express its satisfaction with the broad participation promoted in Member States during the process of preparing the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan.