

RESOLUTION No. 488

**PROGRESS WITH THE COLLECTION OF QUOTAS
OWED TO IICA AS OF JUNE 15, 2008**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.523(08) which contains the "Report of the Director General on the Current Status of Quota Payments and Progress with the Collection of Quotas owed to the Institute",

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.414(XIII-O/05), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) adopted the document "Revised Measures for Collecting Quotas owed to the Institute";

That the aforementioned document draws and improves on the provisions of Resolutions IICA/CE/Res.417(XXIV-O/04) of the Executive Committee and IICA/JIA/Res.392(XII-O/03) of the IABA for the purpose of establishing a set of measures intended to encourage Member States to make current their financial obligations to the Institute;

That thanks to the effectiveness of the measures adopted, the goodwill and support of the Ministers of Agriculture and other authorities in the Member States, and the efforts of the General Directorate, it has been possible to decrease considerably the total amount of quotas owed to the Institute;

That the above has enabled the Administration to fund the 2007-2008 Program Budget and to fund the 2007-2008 special budget approved by the governing bodies of the Institute for the execution of high-priority technical cooperation programs; and

That the financial strengthening of the Institute and the normal execution of the programs and projects included in the national, regional and hemispheric cooperation agendas can only be possible if Member States pay their quota arrearages and keep up to date with payments of their annual quotas,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and other high-level government officials in the Member States of IICA for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.
2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years.
3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.