

RESOLUTION No. 616

**COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION
ON AGRICULTURE (IICA) AND THE MARKET INFORMATION ORGANIZATION OF
THE AMERICAS (MIOA)**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The “MIOA Progress Report to the XXXVI Meeting of the Executive Committee” (August 23, 2016), and the presentation of MIOA’s President on MIOA’s work and accomplishments achieved with the support of the IICA,

CONSIDERING:

That information on prices and markets is a strategic element in the efforts of the IICA Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable, and inclusive agriculture;

That market information is important to decision makers in entities responsible for formulating agricultural policies that have an impact on the economic livelihoods of small to large-scale growers, as well as on rural and agricultural development;

That IICA and MIOA have maintained a Letter of Understanding since 2004 for the purpose of implementing joint cooperation activities aimed at strengthening agricultural market information systems in the Member States; and

That by way of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 572 (XXXIII O/13), the Executive Committee requested that the President of MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of Market Information Systems and the MIOA, and instructed the Director General to strengthen the Institute’s collaboration with MIOA,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept MIOA’s report, and thank its President for his presentation.
2. To urge MIOA and IICA to continue to strengthen their mechanisms for collaboration and joint activities, with a view to making vital and timely marketing information easily available to producers and decision makers alike for the purpose of fostering development and greater transparency and efficiencies within the agricultural sector.