

**RESOLUTION No. 367**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION IICA/JIA/RES. 382 (XI-O/01)**  
**OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF IICA'S AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND**  
**FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.407(02) "The Multiple Roles of Agricultural Health and Food Safety: Basis for Evaluation and Orientation of IICA's Actions,"

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01) recognized the increasing importance of agricultural health and food safety in the Americas as a critical factor for increasing the competitiveness of the agricultural products of IICA's Member States in international markets and improving their export earnings;

That Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01) also requested the Director General to "undertake an overall assessment of IICA's agricultural health and food safety program" ("the Overall Assessment"), and to present the results to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting;

That as a result of the new framework set forth in the Medium Term Plan ("MTP") for orienting the Institute's activities in the area of agricultural health and food safety, additional time is required to complete the Assessment within that framework;

That when completed, the Overall Assessment will constitute a significant contribution by the Americas and IICA to the follow-up activities to the recent World Food Summit in Rome;

That several Member States have expressed their desire to contribute special resources for conducting this Assessment with the assistance of an external team of experts;

That several Member States have nominated Dr. Harry Mussman, an internationally respected expert in agricultural health and food safety, to lead the team of experts, and that Dr. Mussman has expressed an interest in accepting that nomination,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General to present the Overall Assessment to the Member States prior to the next meeting of the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues. The Overall Assessment shall be carried out within the framework of the Medium Term Plan and shall:
  - a. Assess the current environment, as well as the major issues facing IICA Member States in agricultural health and food safety, taking into account IICA/CE/Doc. 407(02);
  - b. Identify future strategic interests in the hemisphere, in relationship to the current and future trade environment;
  - c. Review the adequacy of the IICA agricultural health and food safety mission and structure to meet future strategic interests of the hemisphere;
  - d. Assess the ability of IICA agricultural health and food safety resources to meet future strategic interests; and
  - e. Develop recommendations to strengthen and enhance IICA's role in the agricultural health and food systems.
2. To establish a special Assessment Team to conduct the Overall Assessment, as follows:
  - a. Dr. Harry Mussman, a former IICA Program Director and internationally respected expert in agricultural health and food safety, shall be the Team Leader;
  - b. The team shall consist of at least one expert in agricultural health and food safety from each of the five geographical regions of IICA – the Northern Region, the Caribbean Region, the Central American Region, the Andean Region and the Southern Region;
  - c. The IICA Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) Program shall provide logistical and administrative services to support the Assessment Team;
  - d. The Assessment Team will consult, at the regional level, to learn of issues of concern, as well as views and concerns regarding the relationship of agricultural health and food safety to trade; and
  - e. The Assessment Team will present the Overall Assessment to the Director General with sufficient time to permit him to meet the deadline established in operative paragraph 1 above.
3. To urge Member States to provide special funds and other resources to finance the Overall Assessment.