RESOLUTION No. 411

<u>COMPLIANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u> <u>AND THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE REGARDING</u> <u>THE ASSESSMENT OF IICA'S AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND</u> <u>FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM</u>

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

HAVING SEEN:

Resolutions IICA/CE/Res.386(XXIII-O/03) of the Executive Committee and IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01) of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, regarding the assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program,

Document IICA/CE/Doc.s.n.(04) "IICA Response to the Recommendations Concerning Planned Actions to the External Assessment of the Agricultural Health and Food Safety (AHFS) Program,"

CONSIDERING:

That the General Directorate has made a major effort to give a new direction to and enhance the effectiveness of its Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program;

That many of the recommendations from the Overall Assessment of said program, conducted in 2003, have been implemented;

That agricultural health and food safety are a key element of the efforts being made by IICA's Member States to make agriculture more competitive and to strengthen the position of their agricultural and agroindustrial products on the world market, while protecting consumer health,

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the progress made by the General Directorate in implementing Resolution 386 of the Executive Committee and Resolution 382 of the IABA.

2. To instruct the Director General to continue efforts to strengthen and expand IICA's cooperation services in the area of agricultural health and food safety in the countries of the hemisphere, in partnership with national and international organizations.