

RESOLUTION No. 413

**THE 2004-2005 MINISTERIAL PROCESS IN PREPARATION FOR THE
THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING, THE THIRTEENTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND
THE FOURTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The reports of the Ministerial Delegate of Agriculture and Observer Representative of Ecuador and of the General Directorate of IICA concerning the 2004-2005 ministerial process in preparation for the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life (August 30-31, 2005), the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA (September 1-2, 2005), to take place in Ecuador, and the Fourth Summit of the Americas (November 2005),

CONSIDERING:

That the 2004-2005 ministerial process in preparation for the Third Ministerial Meeting within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process requires the active participation of the Ministers of Agriculture of the hemisphere and of their Ministerial Delegates, who make up the Group for the Implementation and Coordination of the Agreements on Agriculture and Rural Life of the Summits Process (GRICA), as well as their technical teams;

That, in order to implement this process effectively, it is important to conduct joint actions according to a work schedule that will facilitate the work of the Ministerial Delegates and of the Secretariat, exercised by IICA, in implementing and monitoring the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan;

That the Executive Committee is pleased with the progress made in preparing for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Third Ministerial Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank and congratulate the Government of Ecuador and the General Directorate of IICA for the progress made in preparing for the aforementioned Ministerial Meeting and IABA Meeting.
2. To adopt the schedule included as the appendix to this Resolution as an instrument that will facilitate coordination of the work of the Ministerial Delegates and their Hemispheric Forum, the GRICA, and the support that IICA will provide to their work.
3. To urge the Member States of IICA, and especially their Ministers of Agriculture, to promote the dissemination and implementation of the Plan and provide all the support that their respective Ministerial Delegates and technical team, as well as the GRICA, require to prepare the report on the implementation of the first biennial Hemispheric Agenda (2003-2005) of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan, the second Hemispheric Agenda 2006-2007, and the Ministerial Proposal for the Fourth Summit of the Americas.

**CONSOLIDATION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIFE IN THE
FOURTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF
THE 2004-2005 MINISTERIAL PROCESS**

	SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS	MINISTERIAL PROCESS AGRICULTURE AND RURAL LIFE	IICA GOVERNING BODIES
Nov. 2005	IV Summit in Argentina (1 st week)		
Sep. 2005	39 th SIRG*, last before 4 th Summit		XIII IABA(1-2 Sept) –Ecuador
Aug. 2005		Third Ministerial Meeting in Ecuador (30-31 August) approves Second Hemispheric Agenda 2006-2007 and Ministerial Proposal for Fourth Summit	
July 2005		GRICA** meeting reaches consensus on Hemispheric Agenda (H.A) 2006-2007	
June 2005	38 th SIRG	GRICA, via computer, reaches consensus on Ministerial Proposal (MP) for Fourth Summit	
May 2005			XXV Executive Committee
Mar. 2005	37 th SIRG	GRICA begins work on H.A. 2006-2007. Concludes first draft of Progress Report on Implementation of AGRO Plan ***	
Oct. 2004	36 th SIRG		
Julio 2004		Work schedule defined	XXIV Executive Committee

- * The SIRG is the Summit Implementation Review Group. It comprises the 34 National Summit Coordinators from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs.
- ** The GRICA is the Group for the Implementation and Coordination of the Agreements on Agriculture and Rural Life of the Summits Process. It comprises the 34 Ministerial Delegates of Agriculture and serves as a forum for them.
- ** The implementation of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan is an ongoing process in the countries of the Americas, and is based on the mandate issued by the Heads of State and Government at the Special Summit of the Americas held in Monterrey, Mexico, in January 2004.

The Heads of State and Government

Commit to maintain a sustained effort to improve living conditions for inhabitants of rural areas, by promoting investment and creating a favorable environment to achieve sustainable improvements in agriculture that will contribute to social development, rural prosperity, and food security. In this context, we support the implementation of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action for Agriculture and Rural Life of the Americas, adopted at the Second Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life, held in Panama in November 2003.

*Special Summit of the Americas, 2004
Paragraph 43, Declaration of Nuevo Leon*