

**RESOLUTION No. 421**

**AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 73 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE AND RULE 2.1(b)  
OF THE FINANCIAL RULES**

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

CONSIDERING:

That both the building housing Institute Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, which is more than 30 years old, and its basic equipment, as well as its Offices in the countries, require investments for renewal and suitable operation;

That Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate (RPGD) and Rule 2.1(b) of the Financial Rules stipulate that the Program Budget is to contain the following three categories of activity: I. Technical Cooperation; II. Management Costs, and III. General Costs and Provisions;

That pursuant to Article 73 of the RPGD and Rule 2.1(b) of the Financial Rules, the current structure of the Institute's Program Budget does not provide a category for budgeting the essential investments necessary to renew buildings and to invest in equipping said infrastructure;

That pursuant to Article 3(o) of its Rules, the Executive Committee may amend the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and implement amendments ad referendum the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), and that in accordance with Article 3(h) of its Rules, the Executive Committee may amend the Financial Rules, provided the amendments are consistent with the RPGD and the program budget resolution in force,

RESOLVES:

1. To provisionally approve, ad referendum the IABA, the amendment to Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate to include the additional category: "d. Renewal of infrastructure and equipment," and recommend to the IABA that this amendment be permanently adopted.

2. To approve the amendment to Rule 2.1(b) of the Financial Rules to include the additional category: “4) Renewal of infrastructure and equipment,” to make it consistent with the amended text of Article 73 of the RPGD.
3. To entrust the Director General with using this new structure of categories of activity in preparing the Institute’s 2006-2007 Program Budget and in preparing the corresponding annual budgets.