

RESOLUTION No. 428

AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOSAFETY

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting;

CONSIDERIN:

That by IICA/JIA/Res.386(XII-O/03), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture ("IABA") entrusted IICA with convening meetings, in consultation with the Member States, to discuss the importance of agricultural biotechnology and biosafety and their impact on trade and development;

That by that same Resolution, the IABA encouraged horizontal cooperation among the IICA Member States in the area of agricultural biotechnology and biosafety, and urged them to contribute additional resources for furthering IICA's work in that area;

That the development of biotechnology and biosafety in the Member States requires the establishment of the corresponding legal frameworks;

That the General Directorate has made proposals to the Executive Committee for strengthening IICA's role in supporting cooperation in biotechnology and biosafety,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Member States for their offers to share, through horizontal cooperation coordinated by IICA, their experiences and best practices in the area of biotechnology and biosafety.
2. To thank the General Directorate for its proposals for strengthening horizontal cooperation and other activities to advance the development of biotechnology and biosafety in the Americas.
3. To renew the request made by the IABA at its Twelfth Regular Meeting for the Member States to contribute additional resources to support IICA's activities in the biotechnology and biosafety area.
4. To ask the Director General of IICA to allocate the resources needed to implement IABA Resolution 386, from funds collected as the result of the payment of quota arrearages.