

RESOLUTION No. 518

**REPORT ON “THE OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
IN THE AMERICAS: A PERSPECTIVE ON LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN”**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Twentieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,”

CONSIDERING:

That, in the Ministerial Declaration Bávaro 2001, the countries of the Americas pledged to target the problem of rural poverty and make significant strides in reducing it;

That Article 3.a of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA establishes that this highest-level governing body of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is to take note of the report of the Director General of the Institute on the status of the development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the Americas; and

That the General Directorate has presented to the Member States of IICA the report entitled “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” which was prepared jointly by IICA, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which highlights the valuable relationship between rural and agricultural development, the complementarity of which contributes to the creation of employment, the fight against hunger and the reduction of rural poverty,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as a useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.
2. To urge ECLAC, FAO and IICA to continue to jointly prepare this report, to operate the platform www.agrirural.org and to generate additional,

complementary products, by allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out these tasks.

3. To support these efforts by requesting that the member countries provide the official information required for advancing the construction of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture.