

**RESOLUTION No. 668**

**2019-2020 REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Fortieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Information document DI-01, “2019-2020 Report of the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”;

CONSIDERING:

That, via Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 484 (XXVIII-O/08), the Executive Committee resolved to establish the Network of Competent Authorities in Organic Agriculture in the Americas as the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA), with responsibility for coordinating the standards and procedures for promoting and regulating the production of organic food in the hemisphere, as well as trade in those products, and to serve as a technical body for knowledge management in the area of organic agriculture and as a mechanism for consultation, liaison and reciprocal cooperation with the competent governmental bodies that promote and establish standards for the development of organic agriculture in each country;

That, at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee issued Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 506 (XXIX-O/09), in which it adopted, subject to approval by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), the Bylaws of the ICOA;

That, via Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 455 (XV-O/09), approved at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA approved the Bylaws of the ICOA;

That, in its Report, the ICOA indicated the need to update its Bylaws in order to improve the regulatory framework that governs it, and thus strengthen organic agriculture; and

That, pursuant to Article 28 of the Bylaws of the ICOA, the Executive Committee is authorized to modify that instrument,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the 2019-2020 Report of the ICOA.
2. To entrust the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), in consultation with the member countries of the ICOA, with the task of preparing proposed modifications to the Bylaws of the commission, for consideration and possible approval by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.