

RESOLUTION No. 351

AMENDMENT OF STANDARDS FOR IICA ASSOCIATES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.312(IX-O/97), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture established "Associate Status" for the purpose of recognizing the outstanding support and contributions to IICA by certain Permanent Observers, other non-Member States of IICA, and international, regional, and national organizations, and to offer inducements for the continuation of such support;

That Article 2.2 of the Standards for IICA Associates adopted under that same resolution provides that States and other entities eligible for Associate Status must contribute an amount equal to at least 1% of the quota assessments to finance the regular fund budget approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture ("IABA") in any given year to obtain and maintain Associate Status for that year;

That to date no States or other entities have applied for Associate Status, but some have indicated they would apply if the Institute were to lower the amount of the mandatory contribution under Article 2.2;

That based on conversations with potential Associates, the Director General has recommended lowering the mandatory contribution amount under Article 2.2 from 1% (presently \$300,000) to 0.2% (presently \$60,000) for the purpose of attracting Associates to the Institute;

That Article 7.2 of the Standards for IICA Associates authorizes the Executive Committee to amend or repeal those Standards by a two-thirds vote of its Members,

RESOLVES:

To amend Article 2.2 to state as follows:

- 2.2 To satisfy the contribution requirement in any given calendar year, an Associate must contribute to IICA an amount equal to at least **0.2%** of the quota assessments to finance the regular fund budget approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture ("IABA") for that year, and IICA must agree to accept the donation. The contribution must be in US dollars or an equivalent amount in local currency readily convertible to US dollars at no loss to the Institute.