

RESOLUTION No. 536

**SUPPORT FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL SECTOR
OF THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Republic of Haiti experienced the effects of an earthquake on August 14 in the country's southern peninsula, resulting in the regrettable loss of at least 2,000 lives and extensive material damage, including the destruction of more than 61,000 homes, and affecting close to 137,000 families, particularly in rural areas;

That, among other serious consequences, the damage to agricultural production, rural infrastructure and food supply channels has further endangered the food security of that country's inhabitants;

That the agriculture sector and food security in Haiti have been further debilitated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent passage of Tropical Storm Grace;

That the international community has mobilized efforts in support of the Republic of Haiti, to assist the Government and people to tackle the emergency and to strengthen national capacities to enable a swift recovery; and

That the countries of the Americas, in collaboration with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and other international organizations, have always been sympathetic in emergencies of a similar nature and their solidarity and support have made a decisive impact on agricultural rehabilitation, the re-establishment of the affected population and on the strengthening of capacities to address future emergencies,

RESOLVES:

1. To express complete solidarity with the people and Government of the Republic of Haiti and to recognize the efforts being made to address the current emergency.
2. To urge the member countries of IICA, to the extent that they are able, to commit to provide technical and financial assistance to support that country, particularly resources that will help to guarantee food security.

3. To instruct IICA to collaborate with its strategic partners to provide technical cooperation services and to coordinate the necessary assistance to mitigate the impact on the agriculture and rural sector of Haiti, particularly to support family farmers with seeds and inputs, given the upcoming planting season for corn and beans.