

**RESOLUTION No. 686**

**COLLECTIVE ACTION BY THE AMERICAS TO TACKLE FOOD INSECURITY AND  
FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Forty-second Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Special Session 1, “The Summit of the Americas and Food Security”,

CONSIDERING:

That the world is facing a global crisis that has severely impacted multiple areas, thereby affecting food security and the normal functioning of agrifood systems;

That there has been an overall increase in prices worldwide, including for various agricultural commodities, due to the global fiscal and monetary measures that have been introduced to rehabilitate economies crippled by the COVID-19 pandemic, and due to climate problems in key production regions; and

That the war in Eastern Europe has further exacerbated this complex situation, which has had vast implications and a significant impact on cereal, fertilizer and energy prices,

BEARING IN MIND:

That these problems were addressed from a multilateral perspective at the IX Summit of the Americas, “Building a Sustainable, Resilient and Equitable Future”, held on 6 - 10 June 2022 in Los Angeles, California, United States, in which the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) played an important role;

That, during the “Global Food Crisis and the Americas” forum at the Summit, the Director General of the Institute presented the document entitled “Proposals to Strengthen Collective Action in the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Ensure Sustainable Development”; and

That the Government of the United States of America announced at the Summit its intention to provide USD 331 million in financing for humanitarian assistance and long-term development, through its Agency for International Development (USAID), with a view to boosting the food security and the resilience of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC),

## RECOGNIZING:

That the ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, with the support of IICA, have deepened regional and hemispheric relations over the last three years, in a bid to develop a joint position to tackle the major challenges of the global agenda, which enabled them to reach a consensus on sixteen messages that were presented at the Food Systems Summit 2021, organized by the United Nations (UN),

## RESOLVES:

1. To recognize that coordinated efforts by the countries of the Americas is critical to address a food, nutritional and humanitarian crisis in the region and the world, at a time when the combined effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, adverse climate phenomena and warfare throughout the world are disrupting supply chains and triggering increases in agrifood production costs and food prices.
2. To urge the Member States of the Institute to endorse the “Proposals for Collective Action in the Americas to Tackle Food Insecurity and Ensure Sustainable Development”, which the Director General presented at the IX Summit of the Americas, where he was asked to undertake the necessary actions with the governments to implement these proposals and to inform the governing bodies of the Institute on progress made in this respect.
3. To instruct the Director General to offer IICA's support to the food and humanitarian aid initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as other initiatives that may arise with the same objective.