

RESOLUTION No. 548

**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 Twenty-second 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 Ministerial Declaration Bávaro 2001, the countries of the Americas pledged to target the problem of rural poverty and to 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 the Institute 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), and which highlights the key role of agrifood systems in the rural and agricultural transformation of Latin America and the Caribbean,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean”, a document that will prove extremely useful for the governments of the region as input for analysis and policy formulation.
2. To thank the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, the Deputy Director General of FAO, the Regional Representative of FAO for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Director General of IICA for their presentation and to urge the three

organizations to continue to jointly prepare this report, allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out this task.

3. To request that the member countries of the Institute supply the official information required to continue advancing towards the development of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture sector.