

RESOLUTION No. 458

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. CHELSTON W. D.
BRATHWAITE AS DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

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

CONSIDERING:

That Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite has served the Institute for more than a quarter of a century, first as an exemplary specialist and for the last eight years as its Director General;

That Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite will complete his mandate as Director General and his career as a member of IICA's international professional personnel on January, 14, 2010, having fulfilled the maximum term as Director General as allowed in the Convention on the Institute;

That during his administration Dr. Brathwaite raised the Institute to the highest level of excellence and efficiency to the benefit of the Member States and achieved for the Institute an important position of leadership in the improvement of agriculture and rural life in the Americas;

That his personal efforts at the helm of the Institute promoted, among other things, the repositioning of agriculture in the hemisphere, established a new model of cooperation aimed at the active participation of the national authorities and the private sector; introduced a new style of management and the transformation of the Institute into a modern, technologically sophisticated organization; and strengthened the participation of IICA in the Summit of the Americas process;

That the integrity, creativity and humanity with which Dr. Brathwaite has led the Institute have increased the trust of the Member States and motivated the Institute's personnel to work with total commitment to position the Institute as a leading organization in its sphere of action; and,

That in accordance with Article 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Director General Directorate, the IABA may confer appointment and title of Director Emeritus to a person who, like Dr. Brathwaite, has “served as the Director General of the Institute, showing superior technical ability and an outstanding spirit of service,”

RESOLVES:

1. To highlight the positive work performed by Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite as Director General of IICA during the last eight years and as a member of the international professional personnel for more than a quarter of a century.
2. To thank Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite for the concern, integrity and intelligence with which he carried out the responsibilities entrusted to him by the Member States, and for his contributions to the repositioning of agriculture in the region, the establishment of IICA as a leading institution in its field of specialization, the modernization of the Institute’s technical and management systems, the establishment of a new model of technical cooperation with the participation of the national authorities and the private sector, and for the strengthening of the Institute’s role in the Summit of the Americas process.
3. To bring to the attention of the nations of the hemisphere the importance of the administration of Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite for its contributions to the improvement of agriculture and rural life in the Americas, emphasizing the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency with which he managed the Institute.
4. To appoint, with great pleasure, Dr. Chelston W. D. Brathwaite as Director Emeritus of the Institute, as of January 15, 2010.