

**RESOLUTION No. 398**

**2002-2003 INTER-AMERICAN AWARDS IN THE RURAL SECTOR**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Twelfth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution IICA/CE/Res.376(XXII-O/02), “Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector” and the report by the Director General on the implementation of the new procedure for selecting candidates for the Inter-American Awards,

CONSIDERING:

That, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res.376(XXII-O/02), in which it decided to:

“Approve the amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector proposed by the Director General, which, among other things, establish a new award recognizing the outstanding contributions of enterprises and institutions to agricultural and rural development in the Americas,” and

“Entrust the Director General with applying, effective immediately, the new procedures set out in Document IICA/CE/Doc.414(02) ‘Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector’”;

That, due to difficulties encountered in implementing the new procedure for nominating candidates, only a small number of nominations have been received for the Inter-American Awards, making it impossible to conduct a proper selection process to confer the awards;

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector void.
2. To entrust the Director General with the task of actively promoting the presentation of candidates for the awards for the 2004-2005 period.
3. To urge the Member States to undertake effective processes in each country with a view to selecting suitably qualified candidates for the Inter-American Awards.