



INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE - IABA

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2006-2010 MEDIUM TERM PLAN

Guayaquil, Ecuador

Preparation of the IICA 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan

The Medium Term Plan (MTP) currently in force, which will expire in 2006, has provided a framework for the actions of the Institute's since 2002. Based on the mandates received from the Member States, the identification of priorities for making agriculture competitive and sustainable and improving rural life, and the need to modernize the Institute, the MTP established:

- a new vision and mission for the Institute, which calls for promoting sustainable agricultural development, food security and rural prosperity;
- guidelines for bringing the Institute's technical cooperation into line with the priorities of the Member States in the areas of:
 - Trade and agribusiness development
 - Technology and innovation
 - Agricultural health and food safety
 - Sustainable rural development
 - Information and communication
 - Education and training
- Guidelines for modernizing and transforming the Institute; and
- Relations with strategic partners.

In the process of implementing the MTP, an integrated management framework has been adopted, and special emphasis has been placed on involving the Member States in the management of the Institute, and on being accountable to the countries, by reporting on a regular basis to the regional forums of ministers of agriculture and to the Executive Committee and the IABA.

The Institute must update this document, conserving those general guidelines that will continue to be applicable and updating others, to bring them into line with new demands from the Member States for cooperation services, and make necessary adjustments in its organization and operations to meet new challenges.

The approval of the AGRO 2015 Plan for the development of agriculture and the well-being of rural communities carries with it a new mandate for the Institute, as do the emergence of high-priority topics such as biotechnology and biosafety and advances in the field of bio-fuels, which must be considered in the new MTP.

In this regard, it is up to the IABA to adopt policies relevant to the life and the actions of the Institute, and, therefore, to approve the MTP that will serve as a frame of reference for the administration from 2006-2010. However, considering that the MTP must be prepared by the Director General-elect, and that the Institute cannot wait until 2007, when the IABA will meet next, it is advisable that the IABA entrust the Director

General-elect with preparing the new MTP, and authorize the Executive Committee to approve it at its Regular Meeting, in 2006, and make such complementary decisions as may be required to make implementation of the MTP financially feasible, such as adjusting the 2006-2007 Program Budget to reflect the priorities of the new MTP.

That mandate is reflected in the attached draft resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 18

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AT ITS TWENTY-SIXTH
REGULAR MEETING, TO APPROVE THE 2007-2010 MEDIUM TERM PLAN**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Director General-elect for the 2007-2010 period must prepare a proposed Medium Term Plan for the 2007-2010 period;

That, according to Article 2.a. of its Rules of Procedure, the IABA is responsible for adopting measures related to the policies and actions of the Institute and, consequently, for approving its Medium Term Plans;

That the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan, currently in force, has provided effective guidance for the actions and transformation of the Institute, which has led to the provision of better cooperation to the Member States and increased participation on their part in the management of the Institute;

That it is in the Institute's interest to continue application of these policies in 2007-2010, bringing them into line with new demands from the Member States for cooperation and with the foreseeable elements of the context that will affect the Institute's actions in the coming years;

That the participation of the Member States in the process of designing and reaching consensus on the formulation of the 2007-2010 Medium Term Plan is advisable and necessary to ensure that it embodies the mandates emerging from the Summit of the Americas process and the ministerial meetings on agriculture and rural life held within the context of said process;

That, given the above, it is necessary to delegate to the Executive Committee authorization to study and approve the proposed 2007-2010 Medium Term Plan and such adjustments as may be required in the 2006-2007 Program Budget to bring it into line with the new guidelines set forth in the Plan,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General to prepare the 2007-2010 Medium Term Plan, using as basic guidelines both the mandates from the Summit of the Americas process and those emerging from the ministerial meetings on agriculture and rural life, especially the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.

2. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, to approve the 2007-2010 Medium Term Plan, and such adjustments as may be required in the 2006-2007 Program Budget to allow for its implementation.