

RESOLUTION No. 521

**STRENGTHENING OF THE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH,
SAFETY AND FOOD QUALITY PROGRAM**

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

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The comments made by the delegations during Forum 3 entitled “Health, Safety and Quality for the Future of Trade” carried out within the framework of the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas,

CONSIDERING:

That the Agricultural Health, Food Safety and Quality Program is one of the five hemispheric action programs that support the four objectives defined in the 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP);

That, via Resolution No. 94 (18/79), the IABA acknowledged the importance of agricultural health to trade and health in the Americas, and established the animal health and plant health programs of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), which were the precursors to the current Agricultural Health, Safety and Food Quality Program of the Institute; and

That, as part of their remarks during the abovementioned forum, several Member States acknowledged the achievements of the Program and expressed their willingness to strengthen it through voluntary additional funds,

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize and congratulate IICA for its achievements through work and actions in the fields of plant health, animal health, as well as food safety and quality over the past forty years.
2. To request that the Director General present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, a proposal for strengthening cooperation activities related to agricultural health within the framework of this Program, which could include the establishment of voluntary funds for this purpose.