

RESOLUTION No. 529

**MULTILATERAL COORDINATION IN SUPPORT OF SMALL DEVELOPING
STATES AND LOW-LYING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

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

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The discussions of the participants during the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, held at the Headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) on 30 October 2019,

CONSIDERING:

That IICA's current Medium-term Plan (2018-2022 MTP) calls for the Institute to organize networks and strategic partnerships for the purpose of developing a foundation of shared knowledge, strengthening interagency and joint cooperation activities, fostering horizontal cooperation, as well as improving institutional capabilities for securing external resources from strategic partners and other donors; and

That, in light of IICA's capabilities and record of achievement in Latin America and the Caribbean, several delegations have noted that the Institute is poised to assume a greater leadership role in coordinating the activities of other international organizations, donors, and other strategic partners with respect to the development of agriculture and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries,

RESOLVES:

To request that the Director General:

1. Strengthen IICA's coordination of efforts with other public and international organizations, donors, and other strategic partners engaged in agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.

2. Develop and discuss with those strategic partners a proposal for a coordinated approach to effectively address the sectoral challenges and opportunities for agricultural development and the improvement of rural life in small developing States and low-lying developing countries.
3. Present a report to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on progress in developing and discussing that proposal with the pertinent strategic partners, together with the corresponding recommendations. These recommendations may include, among others, the convening of a meeting of the strategic partners for the purpose of reaching the necessary agreements.