

RESOLUTION No. 421

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AT ITS
TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING, TO APPROVE THE
2006-2010 MEDIUM TERM PLAN**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the Director General-elect for the 2006-2010 period must prepare a proposed Medium Term Plan for said 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 2006-2010, 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 2006-2010 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 in the process of preparing the Medium Term Plan it is necessary to take into consideration, inter alia, the priorities of the regional bodies and the emerging demands of all the Member Countries;

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

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General, together with the SACMI, to prepare the first draft of the IICA 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan.
2. To instruct the SACMI to analyze, inter alia, the contributions and proposals that emerge from the sub-commission created in IABA Resolution 420, as well as proposals put forth by other regional groups for the preparation of the Medium Term Plan and the Institute's budget, and as guidance for the institutional transformation process, and to present the corresponding recommendations to the Executive Committee.
3. To establish as basic guidelines for the preparation of the Plan: (i) those elements of the 2002-2006 MTP that should be carried over, and (ii) the priority technical cooperation services requested by the regional groups and countries and, iii) 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.

4. To instruct the Director General to present the proposed 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, and to authorize the Committee: (i) to approve the 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan and (ii) to approve such adjustments as may be required in the 2007 Program Budget to allow for its implementation.