

RESOLUTION No. 427

**VOTE OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF ECUADOR AND TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF GUAYAQUIL**

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

CONSIDERING:

That, thanks to the hospitality of the people and government of Ecuador, the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the context of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) were held on August 30 and 31 and September 1, 2005, in the city of Guayaquil;

That, during the plenary sessions, the delegations expressed their profound gratitude to His Excellency, Mr. Pablo Rizzo, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador, for the skilled and efficient manner in which he conducted the deliberations, which led to the adoption of important declarations and resolutions on high-priority topics for the hemispheric agenda, on agriculture and rural life, and on the actions and future of the Institute,

RESOLVES:

1. To express heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency Alejandro Serrano y Lara, Constitutional Vice President of the Republic of Ecuador, for his distinguished and enlightened participation in this event, of such great importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.
2. To express our appreciation to the Mayor, Jaime Nebot, and the people of the city of Guayaquil, and the government of Ecuador for their warm and generous hospitality and for their many contributions to the success of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life.

3. To express our appreciation to the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Pablo Rizzo, for his great willingness to engage in constructive dialogue with his colleagues and for the efficient and fair manner in which he chaired the meeting; to the diligent personnel of the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock and of Foreign Relations, as well as of other public and private institutions in the Republic of Ecuador, for the cordial welcome and generous support provided, which has been a determining factor in the success of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas in the context of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.