

RESOLUTION No. 452

**PROGRESS IN THE COLLECTION
OF QUOTAS OWED TO IICA**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.331(09), “Current status of quota payments and progress in the collection of quotas owed to the Institute”,

CONSIDERING:

That the financial strengthening of the Institute and the normal execution of the programs and projects included in IICA’s national, regional and hemispheric cooperation agendas can only be possible if Member States keep up to date with the payment of their annual quotas to the Institute;

That, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA, by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.414(XIII-O/05), adopted the “revised measures” for collecting quotas owed to the Institute;

That the aforementioned document draws and improves on the provisions of resolutions IICA/CE/Res.417(XXIV-O/04) of the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and IICA/JIA/Res.392(XII-O/03), of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which establish a set of measures intended to encourage Member States to make current their financial obligations to the Institute;

That, thanks to the effectiveness of the measures adopted, the goodwill and support of the ministers of agriculture and other authorities in the Member States and the efforts of the General Directorate of IICA, it has been possible to decrease considerably the total amount of quotas owed to the Institute; and,

That the above enabled the Administration to fund both the 2008-2009 Program Budget and the 2008-2009 Special Budget approved by the governing bodies of the Institute for the execution of high-priority technical cooperation programs during the biennium in question, which are being executed satisfactorily,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA's Member States for the efforts they have been making to honor their countries' annual quota payments to the Institute.
2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrears for previous years.
3. To instruct the Director General of IICA to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas from the Member States for the current year and those owed for previous years; and, b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.
4. To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their annual quota contributions to the Institute, and especially those that have agreed plans with the General Directorate for the payment of quotas owed for previous years, to make said payments on time.