

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 456

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE INSTITUTE
ON THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the rules pertaining to the election of the Director General are set out in Articles 101 to 106 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA and the Special Rules to Govern the Presentation of Candidates for the Position of Director General, approved under Resolution IICA/CE/Res.341(XX-O/00);

That those rules require, in pertinent part, that all candidates for the position of Director General be a national of one of IICA Member States and nominated in writing by an IICA Member State;

That the period for presenting nominations begins six months prior to the election date and ends forty-five days prior to that date, unless under the special circumstances set out in those rules or otherwise decided by the IABA; and

That in the interest of clarity and transparency in the application of the rules governing the election of the Director General, it is necessary to amend them to establish how to proceed if a Member State wishes to withdraw a nomination prior to the election,

RESOLVES:

To amend Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA and Section 2.1 of the Special Rules to Govern the Presentation of Candidates for the Position of Director General set out in Annex A.

ANNEX A
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 105 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND TO SECTION 2.1 OF
THE SPECIAL RULES TO GOVERN THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

Article 105 (the amended language is in *italics*)

The Member States shall submit nominations in accordance with the Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute, approved by the Executive Committee. The nominations shall be submitted by means of a communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward them to all the Member States as it receives them. *A Member State which has nominated a candidate may also withdraw that nomination by a written communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward it to all the other Member States. No candidate's name may be on the election ballot on the day of the election, unless the Member State that nominated the candidate reaffirms the nomination in the Preparatory Session of the meeting in which the election is to be held.*

Section 2.1 (the amended language is in *italics*)

No person may be a candidate for the position of Director General unless nominated in writing by an IICA Member State. The nomination must be endorsed by the duly authorized entity or official of the Member State *and addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward it to all the other Member States. A Member State which has nominated a candidate may also withdraw that nomination by a written communication endorsed by the duly authorized entity or official and addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward it to all the other Member States. No candidate's name may be on the election ballot on the day of the election, unless the Member State that nominated the candidate reaffirms the nomination in the Preparatory Session of the meeting in which the election is to be held.*