

**RESOLUTION No. 472**

**PERIOD FOR DELIVERY OF WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR THE REGULAR  
MEETINGS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 350 (11), “Proposed Amendment to Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture,”

CONSIDERING:

That Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture states that “*The Director General shall send the necessary background documentation to the Member States, IICA Associates and Permanent Observers at least 45 days prior to the opening date of the meeting;*”

That the Executive Committee, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 525 (XXX-0/10), decided to reduce the deadline for distributing the working documents for its regular meetings to the countries via electronic media from 45 days to 30 days, in order to afford the Secretariat more time to prepare, study, and translate them;

That the Executive Committee, in the same resolution, tasked the Director General with presenting for the consideration of the IABA, at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting a draft resolution amending Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA in the same way that Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee was amended by that resolution; and

That the Director General has recommended that the working and information documents for the meetings of the IABA that are not confidential be made freely available on the IICA website in an electronic format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties,

RESOLVES:

1. To amend the last sentence of Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, to read as follows:

*“The Director General shall send the working documents by electronic media to the Member States, IICA Associates and Permanent Observers, for analysis, at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting.”*

2. To accept the proposal made by the Director General that in future: (i) the working and information documents for the meetings of the IABA that are not confidential be made freely available, for review and consultation on the IICA website; and, (ii) those documents be posted on the IICA website in a format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties.