

RESOLUTION No. 387

**IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FOLLOW-UP TO
THE AGRO 2003-2015 PLAN OF ACTION**

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

CONSIDERING:

That as a result of the Summit of the Americas process and the agreements adopted by the ministers to implement the decisions of the Heads of State and Government, a new institutional architecture is being constructed to contribute to: (i) economic growth with equity; (ii) social development; and (iii) democratic governance;

That the Second Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life, within the framework of the Summits of the Americas process, made it possible to reach consensus on issues of strategic importance to agriculture and rural life;

That within this framework, the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas (AGRO 2003-2015 Plan), which was the chief output of the Second Ministerial Meeting, constitutes the common agenda to be used by our countries in developing national and regional plans of action;

That the Hemispheric Forum of Ministerial Delegates, Group for the Implementation and Coordination of the Agreements on Agriculture and Rural Life (GRICA), has been playing a key role in the process of analyzing, discussing and building consensus among the countries of the hemisphere for the preparation of the Plan of Action;

That IICA, as a partner institution in the Summits process, has been helping the countries to implement the mandates of the Heads of State and Government and serving as a link with the follow-up mechanisms of the Summits of the Americas process; furthermore, as the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting it provides support to the GRICA and the Ministerial Meetings on Agriculture and Rural Life;

That, at the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), held in 2000 in New Orleans, United States of America, and attended by the ministers of agriculture from the hemisphere, we promoted the creation of the Interagency Group on Rural Development, as a hemispheric network designed to complement the action

of its member agencies and, especially, to implement joint, national and regional training, technical assistance and investment projects and projects aimed at generating and disseminating important information for the development of the rural economies of the Latin American and Caribbean countries;

That the ministers of agriculture are involved in four forums on agriculture and rural development, namely: the Ministerial Meetings on Agriculture and Rural Life within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process; the Inter-American Board of Agriculture; the FAO Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean; and the Ibero-American Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust IICA with continuing to provide support to the ministers of agriculture in the process to implement the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.
2. To instruct the Ministerial Delegates and their hemispheric forum (GRICA), assisted by the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, to present to the Third Ministerial Meeting a progress report on the implementation of the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action and the proposal for updating it.
3. To ask the Interagency Group on Rural Development, comprised of the World Bank, the IDB, ECLAC, FAO, IFAD, GTZ, IICA and USAID, to draw up a proposal for an interagency agenda, with a view to gradually aligning international cooperation with the actions established in the Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.
4. To adopt the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action as the Common Agenda to be used as an instrument of joint and common action by the nations of the hemisphere in the four ministerial forums, as a support for the transformation of agriculture and the improvement of rural life.