

**RESOLUTION No. 368**

**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 105 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND ARTICLE 30 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THE PROTOCOL GOVERNING THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTE**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute, adopted by the Executive Committee in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.341(XX-O/00) (“the Protocol”),

CONSIDERING:

That at its Twentieth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee approved the Protocol and recommended several amendments to the Institute’s Rules of Procedure for the purpose of introducing greater transparency and equity in the process for the election of the Institute’s Director General;

That Article 2.2 of the Protocol provides that the period for presenting candidates for election to the post of Director General of the Institute “shall begin six months prior to the date of the election, and it shall end 45 calendar days before that date, unless otherwise permitted by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture during the election”;

That, in contrast, Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (“IABA”) states that the “Member States shall normally submit nominations 45 days before the date of the election by means of a communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward the nominations to all the Member States as it receives them”;

That the Executive Committee, in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.341(XX-O/00), recommended that the IABA amend Article 105 of its Rules of Procedure at its next regular meeting so as to conform it to Article 2.2 of the Protocol;

That the same Executive Committee, pursuant to its authority to amend its own Rules of Procedure and place them in force *ad referendum* the Board under Article 3(o) of those Rules, amended Article 30 of those Rules by adding to its agenda item “i. Presentations of the candidates for the position of Director General in the year of the election,”

RESOLVES:

1. To amend Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture to state:

Article 105. 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.

2. To amend Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee by adding to the items on the Committee's Agenda an item "i," which states: "i. Presentations of candidates for the position of Director General in the year of the election."