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By means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.312(IX-O/97), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture established "Associate Status" in order to recognize the special support and contributions that IICA receives from certain Permanent Observers, non-IICA Member States and international, regional and national organizations, and to invite them to continue providing such support.

The General Directorate of the Institute reports that talks have been held with countries from outside the hemisphere with the purpose of encouraging them to become IICA Associates, and that significant progress has been made, especially with the Government of Spain.

The countries from outside the hemisphere that the Institute invited to become Associate Members said that they might do so if the amount of the mandatory contribution specified in Article 2.2 of the Standards for IICA Associates were to be reduced. This article establishes that, in order to maintain Associate Status in any given calendar year, States and those organizations eligible must contribute an amount equivalent to at least 1% of the quota assessments to finance the regular fund budget approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) for that year.

Following talks with possible Associates, and in order to facilitate their incorporation as Associate Members of the Institute, the Director General recommended to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, that the mandatory contribution be reduced from the 1.0% specified in Article 2.2 (currently US\$300,000) to 0.2% (currently US\$60,000).

At its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee, exercising the power conferred upon it in Article 7.2 of the Standards for IICA Associates, adopted Resolution 351, via which it amended Article 2.2 to read as follows:

"To satisfy the contribution requirement in any given calendar year, an Associate must contribute to IICA an amount equal to at least **0.2%** of the quota assessments to finance the regular fund budget approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) for that year, and IICA must agree to accept the donation. The contribution must be in US dollars or an equivalent amount in local currency readily convertible to US dollars at no loss to the Institute."