

**RESOLUTION No. 472**

**QUOTA SCALE FOR FINANCING THE  
2008-2009 PROGRAM BUDGET**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN,

Document IICA/CE/Doc.502(07) “Approval of the Quota Scales for Financing the 2008-2009 Program Budget”,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 23 of the Convention on the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA Convention) requires the Member States to fund the Institute “through annual quotas established by the Board in accordance with the system for calculating quotas of the Organization of American States,” and that Article 8(b) of the Convention charges the Board with “determining the quotas of the Member States by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of its Member States”;

That pursuant to the provisions of Articles 23 and 8(b) of the Convention, since the entry into force of the present IICA Convention in 1980, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) has consistently approved an IICA Quota Scale which incorporates the percentages set out in the OAS Quota Scales then in force;

That on January 31 2006, a Special Session of the OAS General Assembly adopted a new OAS Quota Scale for the first time in 16 years for the 2007-2008 fiscal years, and charged the OAS Permanent Council with the task of proposing an alternative scale for the consideration of the General Assembly in 2007 for possible implementation in 2009 or earlier;

That by Resolution AG/RES. 2257 (XXXVI-O/06), the OAS General Assembly reconfirmed for implementation in 2007 the Quota Scale it had approved on January 31, 2006, the so-called “Transitional Quota Scale”, and renewed the mandate for developing an alternative scale for consideration in future years;

That at its Thirty-seventh Regular Session in early June 2007, the OAS General Assembly is likely to reconfirm its January 31, 2006 decision to apply the Transitional Quota Scale for the 2008 fiscal period;

That the OAS has not yet concluded its work for the development of a more definitive quota scale for 2009 and future years, and such work is likely to continue for the foreseeable future;

That Article 14(b) of the IICA Convention authorizes the Executive Committee to make recommendations to the IABA “as it deems appropriate” on the proposed biennial Program Budget, including its financing; and

That the approval of the applicable Quota Scales for financing the 2008-2009 Program Budget at the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in July 2007 is essential for the functioning of IICA during the 2008-2009 fiscal period,

**RESOLVES:**

To recommend as follows:

1. Pending the decision on the 2008 OAS quotas scale by the Thirty-seventh Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, to maintain for 2008 the current IICA quota scale.
2. Based on the ongoing discussions at the OAS regarding the 2009 quota scale the Member States should make the corresponding consultations.
3. The Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues (SACMI) should make a recommendation to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee for adoption of the 2009 quota scale in accordance with the IICA Convention and applicable rules of procedures.