

RESOLUTION No. 334

**IICA TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE HARMONIZATION OF RISK ANALYSIS AND
THE LEGAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE APPLICATION OF WTO SANITARY
AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twentieth Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That international trade in agrifood products is a fundamental part of the socioeconomic development of the countries of the Americas;

That effective implementation of the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (ASPM) is fundamental for attaining effective development in the agricultural sector, public health, environmental protection and competitiveness in international agrifood trade;

That there is an imbalance in the member countries among the regulatory, institutional and technological aspects of agricultural health and food safety, which hinders implementation of the ASPM of the WTO;

That there is a need to speed up the process to modernize of the agricultural health and food safety systems currently being executed by the member countries,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), at its Eleventh Regular Meeting:

1. That the Institute, through its technical areas, provide consultative and support service for the modernization of the three frameworks (institutional, regulatory and technological) of agricultural health and food safety systems.
2. To urge the member countries to foster harmonization by updating the legal regulatory framework, promoting the scientific basis of sanitary and phytosanitary decisions through risk analysis, and strengthening transparency. To that end the Institute shall carry out actions at the national, regional and hemispheric levels.
3. To instruct the Institute that all of the above actions must be accomplished within the approved Program Budget or other resources.