

RESOLUTION No. 504

**REPORT ON “THE OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
IN THE AMERICAS: A PERSPECTIVE ON LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN 2017-2018”**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018,”

CONSIDERING:

That, in the Ministerial Declaration Bávaro 2001, the countries of the Americas pledged to target the problem of rural poverty and make significant strides in reducing it;

That Article 3.a of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA establishes that this highest-level governing body of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) is to take note of the report of the Director General of the Institute on the status of the development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the Americas;

That the General Directorate has presented to the Member States of IICA the report entitled “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018,” which was prepared jointly by IICA, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), which highlights the role played by agriculture in contributing to the creation of employment and the reduction of rural poverty, and,

That, in addition to this report, the three institutions worked on the construction of a web platform that facilitates greater use of existing products and the generation of new, complementary products (www.agrirural.org),

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018,” and

underscore its importance for the governments of the region as a useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.

2. To urge ECLAC, FAO and IICA to continue to jointly prepare this report, to operate the platform www.agrirural.org and to generate additional, complementary products, by allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out these tasks.
3. To support these efforts by requesting that the member countries provide the official information required for advancing the construction of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture.