

RESOLUTION No. 538

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTAS

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 409 (21), “Report on the Collection of Quotas”,

CONSIDERING:

That financing of the operation of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and its technical cooperation projects can only be achieved if Member States remain current with the payment of their annual quota contributions;

That the IABA, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 414 (XIII-O/05), adopted the document “Revised measures for collecting quotas owed to the Institute”;

That, thanks to the support of the Ministers of Agriculture and other authorities in the Member States, the measures adopted and the efforts of the General Directorate of IICA, the collection of quotas has contributed to the satisfactory implementation of the technical cooperation services established in the 2020-2021 Program Budget of the Institute; and

That the payment of quotas by the Member States must be accelerated to enable the Institute to continue fulfilling its mission to encourage, promote and support agricultural and rural development in the countries, especially given the issues they are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials of IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion.
2. To acknowledge the fact that, amidst the difficult situation that IICA and its Member States are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more important to maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to urge the Institute’s Member States to make their annual quota payments and pay arrears for previous years in a timely fashion.

3. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments to IICA in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.
4. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.
5. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with IICA, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years.