

RESOLUTION No. 501

**INSTITUTIONAL PROCESS FOR THE FORMULATION AND PRESENTATION
OF PROPOSALS FOR THE FINANCIAL STRENGTHENING AND STRATEGIC
RESTRUCTURING OF THE INSTITUTE**

THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Eighteenth Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That, at its Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting held in July 2015, the Executive Committee established a group of friends of the Chair of the Executive Committee (Group of Friends) for the purpose of analyzing and making proposals for the financial strengthening of the Institute for the 2016-17 biennium, which successfully fulfilled the function for which it was created during the meeting;

That, in IICA/CE Res. 597 (XXXV-O/15), the Executive Committee requested that the Director General convene a meeting of the Group of Friends “before the next meeting of the IABA, in order to discuss, comprehensively and with a view to the long term, options for strengthening the strategic structure of IICA, including its finances, and to submit a report to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee”;

That the mandate of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) is to “advise and assist the Director General in developing, evaluating, and implementing proposals for strategic initiatives and for improving, modernizing, and transforming the administration and financial management of the Institute”;

That the Group of Friends, meeting before this Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, and after listening to the General Director’s report on the progress made with the efforts to achieve financial strengthening of the Institute, recommended that the group be dissolved and its mandate transferred to the SACMI; and

That the IABA, as the IICA’s highest governing body and as part of the functions assigned to it under Article 8 of the Convention on IICA, may adopt the Group’s recommendation,

RESOLVES:

1. To conclude the work of the Group of Friends established by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting, without prejudice to the Executive Committee’s authority to establish new Groups of Friends of the Chair at future meetings; and to thank its members for their contributions and participation.

2. To transfer the mandate of the Group of Friends to the SACMI, so that it makes concrete recommendations to the Executive Committee at its next Regular Meeting concerning the reorganization and strengthening of IICA – its structure, sources of financing, and mandates – required to meet the cooperation needs of the Institute’s member countries.
3. To instruct the SACMI to encourage the Member States that do not form part of the Commission to take part in the discussion and drafting of recommendations to the Executive Committee on the matter, which could include, among others, suggestions for the amendment of the 1979 Convention on IICA.
4. To request that the Executive Committee, taking into account the recommendations of the SACMI, submit to the next meeting of the IABA proposals for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute, together with the draft regulatory amendments required.
5. To request that the Director General provide the SACMI and the Executive Committee with the technical and administrative support they require for this task.