

**RESOLUTION 386**

**WORKING PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF IICA'S  
AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.427(03), "Working Plan in Response to the General Assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program," and the Report on the General Assessment prepared by external evaluators,

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01) recognized the growing importance of agricultural health and food safety in the Americas as a crucial factor for improving the competitiveness of the agricultural products of the IICA Member States in international markets and increasing their export earnings;

That the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.382(XI-O/01), asked the Director General to "undertake an overall assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program," and to present the results to the Executive Committee;

That the Executive Committee, by Resolution IICA/CE/Res.367(XXII-O/03) established the terms of reference for the high-level team of external evaluators to conduct said assessment;

That the assessment exercise was carried out following both the provisions established by the Executive Committee and the framework established in the 2002-2006 MTP, in particular the guidelines for the Area of Agricultural Health and Food Safety;

That the results of the general assessment constitute a major contribution to orient and strengthen IICA's efforts in the field of agricultural health and food safety, on behalf of the Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the evaluators for their efforts and recommendations for strengthening IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program.
2. To approve, subject to the availability of funds in the approved budget, document IICA/CE/Doc.427(03) "Working Plan in Response to the General Assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program," with a view to implementing the recommendations made in the general assessment of IICA's Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program, and to urge the Member States to provide the support that the Director General requires to put them into effect.
3. To request the Member States to consider making extra-quota contributions to facilitate the implementation of the working plan prepared by the General Directorate.