

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 12

**COORDINATION OF HEMISPHERIC STRATEGIES FOR AGRICULTURAL
HEALTH**

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

BEARING IN MIND:

The importance of the agriculture sector for the economies, societies and food security of the countries of the Americas,

HAVING SEEN:

Document DI-02, “Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development in the Americas”, specifically subsection no. 5, entitled “One Health as an agricultural health strategy in agrifood systems”,

CONSIDERING:

That pests and diseases pose a permanent threat that affects or stands to affect the countries of the Americas;

That one of the major challenges we face is the need to improve agrifood systems, and that agricultural health plays a key role in guaranteeing “safe and healthy food” for everyone and particularly in strengthening food and nutrition security, by ensuring the ideal balance, quantity and quality of food of both animal and plant origin;

That it is of paramount importance that a hemispheric meeting be convened to allow the countries to analyze new challenges and opportunities and to propose solutions in relation to agricultural health;

That on 12 and 13 September 2023, as part of the activities of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) hosted an event entitled “One Health in the Americas: The Importance of Interinstitutional Collaboration in the Hemisphere and its Rural Communities”, during which renowned experts and leaders from various fields explored critical issues related to human, environmental, animal and plant health, and defined collective actions to strengthen close cooperation among institutions and rural communities throughout the hemisphere; and

That on 4 October 2023, during the Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, the Member States of the Institute analyzed the issue of agricultural health in agrifood systems and Paraguay subsequently proposed that a hemispheric event be convened on the issue of the implications of agricultural health in the Americas, a proposal that was seconded by Honduras and Costa Rica,

RESOLVES:

To request that the IICA Director General coordinate, together with its Member States and regional agencies specializing in agricultural health, a hemispheric meeting to assess and determine the current status of agricultural health in the hemisphere, and based on that assessment, and as a follow-up to the collective actions defined for that thematic area of the Hemispheric Partnership for Food Security and Sustainable Development, generate joint cooperation strategies, learn about successful public-private experiences and promote an integrated approach, laying the foundation for effective and coordinated collaboration at the hemispheric level.