

- c. To establish and maintain relations of cooperation and coordination with the Organization of American States and with other agencies or programs, and with governmental and nongovernmental entities that pursue similar objectives;
- d. To act as an organ for consultation, technical execution, and administration of programs and projects in the agricultural sector, through agreements with the Organization of American States, or with national, inter-American, or international agencies and entities.

## CHAPTER II

### MEMBERS

*Article 5.* The Member States of the Institute shall be:

- a. The Member States of the Organization of American States of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences that ratify this Convention;
- b. Other American states whose admission has been accepted by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Member States on the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, and which accede to the present Convention.

## CHAPTER III

### THE ORGANS

*Article 6.* The Institute shall have the following organs:

- a. The Inter-American Board of Agriculture;
- b. The Executive Committee; and
- c. The General Directorate.

## CHAPTER IV

### THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

*Article 7.* The Inter-American Board of Agriculture (hereinafter the Board) is the highest organ of the Institute, and shall be composed of all the Member States. The Government of each Member State shall appoint one representative, who shall preferably be connected with agricultural and rural development. Each Government may also appoint alternate representatives and advisers.

*Article 8.* The Board shall have the following functions:

- a. To adopt measures related to the policy and action of the Institute, taking into account the proposals of the Member States and the recommendations of the General Assembly and the Councils of the Organization of American States;
- b. To approve the biennial program-budget and to determine the annual quotas of the Member States, by the affirmative vote of two thirds of its members;