

CANADA

**CONVENTION ON THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE  
FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE**

The American States, members of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences,

With the intention of strengthening and broadening the action of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences as an organization specialized in agriculture, an Institute established in compliance with the pertinent resolution adopted by the Eighth American Scientific Congress, held in Washington, D.C., in 1940, and in accordance with the terms of the Convention opened to signature by the American republics at the Pan American Union on<sup>(1)</sup> January 15, 1944,

HAVE AGREED

on the following:

CHAPTER I

NATURE AND PURPOSES

*Article 1.* The Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, established by the Convention opened to signature by the American republics on January 15, 1944, shall be called "The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture" (hereinafter the Institute), and shall be governed by the present Convention.

*Article 2.* The Institute shall be of inter-American scope, shall have international juridical personality, and shall be specialized in agriculture.

*Article 3.* The purposes of the Institute are to encourage, promote, and support the efforts of the Member States to achieve their agricultural development and rural welfare.

*Article 4.* To achieve its purposes, the Institute shall have the following functions:

- a. To promote the strengthening of national education, research, and rural development institutions, in order to give impetus to the advancement and the dissemination of science and technology applied to rural progress;
- b. To formulate and execute plans, programs, projects, and activities, in accordance with the needs of the governments of the Member States, to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of their agricultural development and rural welfare policies and programs;

<sup>(1)</sup>Treaty Series 1972 No. 33