



## INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE RULES OF PROCEDURE

### CHAPTER XIV

#### ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Article 101. The Board is exclusively empowered to elect the Director General by affirmative vote of the majority of the Member States of the Institute. The Director General shall be a national of one of the Member States and shall serve a term of office of four years. He/she may be reelected only once and may not be succeeded by a person of the same nationality<sup>1</sup>.

Article 102. The Board shall determine the conditions of employment of the Director General, including the salary and other emoluments for the post, and may take into account pertinent recommendations by the Committee.

Article 103. The Director General shall be elected at the meeting of the Board held prior to the expiration of the term of office.

Article 104. If the position of Director General becomes vacant before the completion of a term of office, the post shall be filled temporarily by the Deputy Director General for up to a maximum of six months. The Board shall proceed to elect a new Director General either at the regular meeting following the date on which the position becomes vacant, or at a special meeting convened for that purpose. The call for the meeting of the Board at which the Director General is to be elected shall be issued at least 90 days in advance.

Article 105. The Member States shall submit nominations in accordance with the Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute, approved by the Executive Committee. The nominations shall be submitted by means of a communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward them to all the Member States as it receives them. A Member State which has nominated a candidate may also withdraw that nomination by a written communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward it to all the other Member States. No candidate's name may be on the election ballot on the day of the election, unless the Member State that nominated the candidate reaffirms the nomination in the Preparatory Session of the meeting in which the election is to be held.

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Article 106. The election will take place by secret ballot. The candidate obtaining the majority required by Article 19 of the Convention will be designated Director General of the Institute.

If no candidate obtains the required majority during the first round of voting, as many votes as necessary shall take place until such majority is obtained, and shall be limited to those candidates who received the two highest relative majorities in the immediately previous round.

If no candidate obtains the required majority in any round of voting, the Board may suspend the session for the time it deems necessary.

In the event that there is a sole candidate, the election can take place by acclamation, provided that a majority of the Member States composing the Board is present.

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<sup>1</sup> Articles 19 and 8., letter f., Convention

Article 107. Acceptance or rejection of the resignation of the Director General shall be determined by the Board, if it is in session or if it is to meet within a reasonable time. If the Board does not meet, the resignation shall be reported to all the Member States of the Institute, and it shall fall to the Committee to rule on it. Acceptance by the Committee shall require the affirmative vote of two thirds of its members, which vote may be taken by correspondence.

Article 108. The Board has the exclusive authority to remove the Director General in a secret ballot vote receiving affirmative votes from two thirds of the Member States, whenever the proper conduct of the Institute so requires<sup>2</sup>.

Article 109. The Deputy Director General of the Institute shall serve as acting Director General in the temporary absence of the Director General.

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