

Preparation of the First Phase of the National Agricultural Diversification and Modernization Program

PARAGUAY

SECTOR: Agriculture

PROJECT NAME: Preparation of the First Phase of the National Agricultural Diversification and Modernization Program (ATN/JF-4528-PR)

TOTAL COST: \$1.6 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$1.5 million	(Japan Special Fund)
LOCAL	\$0.1 million	

DATE OF APPROVAL: May 18, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this technical cooperation is to provide the Ministry of Agriculture with technical and financial assistance to initiate institutional changes required to implement the first phase of an agricultural diversification and modernization program, to be partially financed by the Bank.

This program will prepare the technical, financial and legal framework that will make it possible to diversify and modernize the country's agricultural sector within a period of two to five years. To accomplish this objective, the technical cooperation will support: (a) a highly trained national directorate responsible for information, planning, programming and sectoral development; (b) an operating, self-governing agricultural technology research and transfer institute to provide technical

support for the sector's diversification; (c) a highly trained national animal and plant health services agency to guarantee the quality of Paraguayan agricultural products in world markets; and (d) a strengthened and competitive agribusiness sector.

CONSULTANTS: International and national consultants will be engaged to initiate the institutional reforms mentioned above. An international coordinator, specializing in institutional management and development, will be responsible for supervision of the consultants and for the execution of the technical cooperation.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: It is expected that some office and computer equipment will be acquired, along with software applications, for an estimated \$35,000.

CIVIL WORKS: Not applicable.

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