



# BIFADEC

BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## A STATEMENT OF ORIGIN AND PURPOSE

The Board for International Food and Agricultural Development was created with the enactment of Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, in December 1975. In January 1991, the Board's mandate was broadened and its name was changed to include economic cooperation generally.

### MEMBERS

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BIFADEC is the only Presidentially-appointed board to advise and assist the Administrator of the Agency for International Development in developing and implementing the official U.S. foreign assistance program. Its seven members are drawn from various professional backgrounds and serve without compensation. A majority is from the university community, including three presidents.

The Board meets at least five times each year. Meetings of the Board are announced in the Federal Register and are open to the public. The Board's deliberations bring new insights and perspectives to international cooperation, and often result in Board action and recommendations to the A.I.D. Administrator, other leaders, and Congress.

Recent activities of the BIFADEC have included: the work of a special task force which examined issues and alternative strategies affecting U.S. international development efforts, with special reference to food and agricultural programs; a leading role in helping A.I.D. create the Agency Center for University Cooperation in Development; a task force and advisory committee which provided practical suggestions on the nature and content of the University Center program; the Budget Panel's consultations with A.I.D. on the FY 1993 and FY 1994 budgets and its analysis and report to the Board; the significant work of its Joint Committee on Agricultural Research and Development in the evolution of two new Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs) in integrated pest management and in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management; and Board recommendations on A.I.D.'s "focus and concentrate" policy.

The Agency Center for University Cooperation in Development, members of whose staff provide support services to the Board, is the focal point for bringing universities and A.I.D. together in support of mutually beneficial development programs.

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Mr. Madden is a member of the board of trustees of Trinity University in San Antonio, the board of trustees of the University of Texas Law School Foundation, and the University of Texas Development Board. Formerly president of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, member of the board of regents of Amarillo College and of the University of Texas, Mr. Madden served also as vice-president of the George Bush for President Committee in Texas. He is a graduate of the University of Texas Law School.

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Dr. Byrne has been president of Oregon State University, a land-grant and sea-grant institution, since 1984. Prior to being named administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 1981, he served the university as vice president for research and graduate studies and dean of the College of Oceanography. Dr. Byrne also has done geological research in private industry. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and holds a Ph.D. in marine geology.

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Dr. DiBiaggio became president of Tufts University in 1992, after seven years as president of Michigan State University. Formerly vice-president for health affairs and president of the University of Connecticut and dean of the School of Dentistry at Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. DiBiaggio served also as chairman of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges and member of the board of trustees of the University of Detroit. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Council on Education, and holds a D.D.S. degree.

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Mr. Findley served as a representative from Illinois in the U.S. Congress from 1961 to 1983, during which time he co-authored, with the late Senator Hubert Humphrey, Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act which authorized the creation of BIFAD. He is president and publisher of Pike Press, Inc., in Pittsfield, Illinois, and serves as adjunct professor of agriculture at Western Illinois University and on the board of trustees of Illinois College. A noted author, consultant and lecturer, Mr. Findley is chairman of the Council for the National Interest.

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Mr. Hicks joined the law firm in 1989. He served as General Counsel in the U.S. Department of Agriculture for three years and as Executive Assistant to the Secretary and Executive Secretary in the U.S. Department of the Treasury for two years. From 1981 to 1986, he held several positions on the White House staff. Mr. Hicks also has practiced law in Texas. Active in George Bush campaigns since 1979, he has served on three Bush-Quayle transition teams. He is a graduate of the Southern Methodist University Law School.

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Dr. Mobley has been president of Texas A&M University since 1988, after having served in various academic and administrative capacities for eight years. Prior to joining the Texas A&M faculty in 1980, he was director of the Center for Management and Organizational Research at the University of South Carolina for seven years and a corporate manager in private industry. Among other things, he is chairman of the Texas Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors. A Fellow of the American Psychological Society, he holds a Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology.

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Dr. Rayburn was named president of Lincoln University in 1988, after serving as president of Savannah State College in Georgia for eight years. A former dean of University College of the University of Louisville and associate dean for academic supportive programs at the University of Detroit, Dr. Rayburn also taught and served in administrative capacities in the University of Detroit and in the Detroit Public Schools. He serves on the board of directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and holds an Ed.D. in guidance and counseling.

