

RESOLUTION No. 430

PROGRESS IN THE ASSESSMENT OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT IICA

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Fourteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The report presented at the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA by Mr. Paul Murphy, in his capacity as Chairman of the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee,

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/CE/RES.447(XXVI-O/06), the Executive Committee established the procedure for conducting the assessment of technical expertise at IICA;

That in order to implement said resolution a Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Victor Villalobos of Mexico, and comprising members from Costa Rica, Panama, Paraguay, Argentina, Canada, Belize and Mexico, was set up and charged with giving direction to the work of the consulting firm retained to conduct the assessment;

That after receiving the progress report of the consulting firm (the Report), the Executive Committee, by Resolution IICA/CE RES. 462 (XXVII-O/07), established a process for following up on the report, which included consultations on same with all the Member States of the Institute;

That the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States did not have sufficient time to review the Report and prepare and submit their observations and comments to the Director General; and

That the recommendations contained in the Report, once favorably evaluated by the Director General and the member countries, may be implemented provided they do not require the adoption of decisions by the governing bodies of the Institute;

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General, based on the observations and comments received from all the Member States, to draw up and execute a Plan of Action for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report on the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA.

2. To instruct the Director General to present to the meeting of the Special Advisory Commission for Management Issues, in the last quarter of 2007, and the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in the implementation of said Plan of Action.
3. To extend the term of the Steering Committee until the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to be held in 2009.
4. To entrust the Steering Committee, with support from the team of professionals appointed by the Director General, with preparing and presenting to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to take place in 2009, a report on actions and results of the implementation of the recommendations for strengthening technical expertise at IICA.