

**RESOLUTION No. 445**

**PROGRESS WITH THE STRENGTHENING  
OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT IICA**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.DI-11(09), “Report to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture on the status of the recommendations to improve technical expertise at IICA”,

CONSIDERING:

That, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res.447(XXVI-O/06), thereby establishing the procedure for conducting the assessment of technical expertise at IICA;

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

That, after receiving the report of the consulting firm, the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, adopted Resolution IICA/CE Res.462(XXVII-O/07), in which it established a process for following up on the recommendations of the assessment, which included consultations with all the Member States of the Institute;

That the Executive Committee instructed the General Directorate to implement a number of the recommendations made in the aforementioned assessment that called for neither decisions by IICA’s governing bodies nor the allocation of additional funds; and

That the Director General presented to the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on the status of the recommendations mentioned in the previous paragraph, which was approved by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res.483(XXVIII-O/08),

**RESOLVES:**

To accept the report of the Director General on the implementation of the recommendations of the external assessment to strengthen technical expertise at IICA.