

RESOLUTION No. 467

**SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA IN REBUILDING
THEIR AGRICULTURAL SECTORS AND ASSISTING THE POPULATION
AFFECTED BY THE 2011 CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Agreements 5 and 6 of the Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Central American Agricultural Council (CAC), held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on October 19, 2011,

CONSIDERING:

That the countries of Central America are increasingly affected by adverse climate and cyclical conditions that result in loss of human life and severe damage to agricultural production and infrastructure in rural areas where 45.5% of the total regional population lives;

That there is a need to garner collective support from the other countries of the region and the international technical and financial cooperation community for the efforts being made by the governments and rural population to deal successfully with the emergency and to strengthen national and regional risk prevention capacities and the region's ability to adapt its agriculture to climate variability and change; and

That the countries of the hemisphere, with cooperation from IICA and other international organizations, have shown sensitivity in the face of similar emergency situations and their collective support has been a major factor in efforts to restore agricultural activity, rehabilitate the affected population and contribute to strengthening capacities to respond to future emergencies,

RESOLVES:

1. To express solidarity with the affected population on behalf of the nations of the Americas, and to recognize the efforts being made by the governments of the countries of Central America to respond to the current emergency.

2. To urge the countries in other regions of the Americas to pledge technical and financial support for ongoing efforts to address the current emergency and to reduce the vulnerability of the region's agriculture to variability and climate change, given its relationship to food security.
3. To task IICA with providing, in coordination with institutions of the Member States and specialized international organizations, technical support for the Executive Secretariat of the CAC and the Ministries of Agriculture of Central America in the preparation of a program aimed at strengthening capacities in the affected countries in the area of disaster prevention and adaptation to climate change, based on a new paradigm of competitive and sustainable socioeconomic development.