

**RESOLUTION No. 476**

**STRENGTHENING IICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

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

**HAVING HEARD:**

The presentation made by the Director General and the dialogue held within the framework of the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas on the importance of strengthening IICA's strategic partnerships to support the efforts of Member States to progress with their agricultural and rural development,

**CONSIDERING:**

That, in order to accomplish its mission and support the Member States' efforts to advance towards competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture, IICA must expand the technical cooperation services it provides and make them more effective;

That, given the need to increase IICA's capacity to strengthen and expand the technical cooperation programs and projects it carries out at the national, regional and hemispheric levels, it is especially important that the Institute promote new partnerships and strengthen existing ones with international, national and multilateral technical and financial organizations and institutions that operate at the global, hemispheric and regional levels;

That, in this context, it is important that international, multilateral and regional financial institutions consider IICA as the partner of choice for implementing the programs and projects funded by such institutions to promote the development of agriculture in the Americas; and

That at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 548 (XXXI-O/11), requested that the Director General propose to the ministers of agriculture participating in the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011 that they support the strengthening of IICA's partnerships,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General to consolidate strategic partnerships with national and international organizations and institutions.
2. To urge Member States, when they deem it advisable, to support and promote IICA as the executing agency for agricultural and rural development programs and projects with institutions with which it has established partnerships.