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#### **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTIETH AND THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

San Jose, Costa Rica

STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTIETH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (San Jose, Costa Rica, October 5-7, 2010)

#### **General Information**

The Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from October 5-7, 2010. The Member States sitting on the Committee were: Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay.<sup>1</sup> Participating as Observer Member States were: Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Saint Lucia and the United States of America. Germany and France attended as Permanent Observers. Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica and her country's Representative, served as the

Chairperson of the meeting, and Mr. Léonard Beaulne, Political Counsellor of the Embassy of Canada in Costa Rica, as Rapporteur.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from July 23-24, 2003.

# A. RESOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED

### I. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2010 Executive Committee

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<b>Resolution No. 517</b> . "2009 Annual Report of IICA." To approve the 2009 Annual Report of IICA.	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
Resolution No. 518. "Proposed 2010-2020 Strategic Plan." To approve 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending. Printed and digital versions of the Strategic Plan were produced and sent to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Agriculture of the Member States and to all the IICA country offices.
<b>Resolution No. 519.</b> "2010-2014 Medium- term Plan." To approve the 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan, on the understanding that IICA will adjust the technical and operational aspects of the Medium-term Plan to ensure that they are consistent with the Strategic Plan, incorporating the distribution of the financial resources for the period 2012-2014 based on the technical priorities.		No actions pending. Printed and digital versions of the 2010-2014 MTP were produced and delivered to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Agriculture of the Member States and to all the IICA country offices.
Resolution No. 520. "2009 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors." To accept the 2009 financial statements of IICA and the report of the external auditors on said financial statements, and to instruct		No actions pending.

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the Director General to submit them to the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA for consideration.		
<b>Resolution No. 521.</b> "Sixteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)."	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
1. To approve the Sixteenth Report of the ARC.	Operative paragraph implemented.	
2. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> Mr. Tracy La Point, a member of the ARC, accepted the Executive Committee's recognition on behalf of the ARC.	
3. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in	Operative paragraph implemented.	
the Sixteenth Report of the ARC.	The Director General complied with the recommendations of the ARC.	
<b>Resolution No. 522.</b> "Progress in the Collection of Quotas."	Resolution implemented.	
1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA's Member States for the efforts they have been making to honor their countries' annual quota payments to IICA.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> The Director General presented the report on the collection of quota contributions as at June 30, 2011 to the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. This report was approved by the Executive Committee via Resolution No.539.	No actions pending.
2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures	Operative paragraph implemented.	No actions pending.

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established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to honor their arrears for previous years.		
3. To instruct the Director General to: (i) continue efforts to collect quotas for 2010 and arrears for previous years; and, (ii) keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> As at the end of December 2010, IICA had received 97% of the quota contributions programmed and had collected US\$1.5 million in quotas from previous years.	No actions pending.
<b>Resolution No. 523</b> . "Allocation of the Resources of the 2011 Program-Budget."	Resolution implemented.	
1. To approve the detailed allocation of regular resources for the 2011 Program- Budget, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc. 560 (10), "Proposed 2011 Program-Budget." A summary of the 2011 Program-Budget, by chapter, is attached to this resolution as "Annex A."	Operative paragraph implemented.	No actions pending. The 2011 Program-Budget was implemented by means of the 2011 Annual Action Plan, based on the detailed allocation of regular resources approved by the Executive Committee.
2. To charge the Director General with providing to the Member States during the first trimester of 2011 information on the results anticipated and indicators for the 2011 budget year.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> The Director General submitted this information to the Member States at the 2011 Regular meeting of the Special Advisory Committee of the on Management Issues (SACMI).	No actions pending.

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<b>Resolution No. 524.</b> "Financial Strengthening and Technical Cooperation of IICA."	Resolution implemented.	
1. To acknowledge the document "The financial strengthening and technical cooperation of IICA" and the facts presented regarding the Institute's finances.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> The Director General presented the document on April 4 as a working document of the 2011 Regular Meeting of the SACMI, and a more detailed version during the video conference held on May 20.	No actions pending.
2. To task the General Directorate to provide at the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues further written analysis on possible options for IICA's 2012-2014 Budget.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> A version of the document incorporating the recommendations of the SACMI was submitted for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.	No actions pending.
<b>Resolution No. 526</b> . "Amendments to the Regulations for Conferring the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector."	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
To amend the last sentence of the introductory paragraph and following Sections a, d, and i of Article 10.1 of the Regulations for Conferring the Inter- American Awards as follows:	The Regulations were amended and may be consulted or printed from IICA's Web page.	
The Commission shall consist of four Member States, which shall be appointed and shall serve as further specified below:		
a. The four members of the Commission shall be elected by the Executive Committee		

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during the preparatory session of its Regular		
Meeting in the first year of the biennium.		
b. The first member shall be elected by and from among the Member States of the group comprising the six countries that are the major contributors to the Regular Fund of the Institute; the second and third members shall be elected by and from among the Member States of the group comprising the remaining twenty-eight Member States of the Institute; and the fourth member shall be elected by the thirty-four Member States of the Institute and from among the Member States not elected		
by the first two groups. c. The Commission may meet with a quorum of at least three members and take decisions by a vote of a majority of its members. The Commission may adopt additional rules of procedure for its meetings and for electing its officers, provided those rules of procedure are consistent with these Regulations and other pertinent norms of the Institute.		
<b>Resolution No. 527.</b> "Report of the 2010 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)."	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
To accept the Report of the 2010 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.		

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Resolution No. 528. "Status of the	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture		
(IABA)" and the Twenty-ninth Regular		
Meeting of the Executive Committee."		
To accept the reports: (i) "Status of the		
Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting		
of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture		
(IABA)"; and, (ii) "Status of the Resolutions		
of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the		
Executive Committee."		
Resolution No. 529. "Conferring of	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
Appointment and Title of Emeritus."		
To confer appointment and title of	Mr. Arnaldo Chibbaro was informed of the	
"Emeritus" of the Inter-American Institute	resolution by means of communication No.	
for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the	SC/DG-1042 of November 3, 2010.	
privileges and prerogatives that the title		
implies, on Mr. Arnaldo Chibbaro Schwartz.		
Resolution No. 530. "Date and Site of the	Resolution implemented.	No actions pending.
Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive		
Committee."		
1. To thank the Government of Canada for		The Government of Canada was
its tentative offer to serve as host country for		unable to host the Thirty First
the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of that IICA		Regular Meeting of the Executive
Governing Body.		Committee due to a conflict of dates
		with meetings of other international
2. To instruct the Director General of IICA		organizations that took place during the month of June, 2011. Therefore,
to provide such collaboration and information as the Canadian authorities may require for		in accordance with the provisions of
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the Government of Canada to follow through on its offer.		the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the meeting took place at IICA Headquarters in
3. To instruct the Director General, should Canada decide by the end of this year not to host the meeting, to hold the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters or in another country, provided a formal offer is received from that country.		San Jose, Costa Rica, from July 12- 14, 2011.
4. To instruct the Director General, in accordance with the procedures established in the regulations currently in effect, to issue the call to the Member States to participate in the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in the first semester of 2011.		The Director General invited the Member States to participate in the XXXI Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, via memorandum No. SC/DG-391 of May 13, 2011.
<b>Resolution No. 533.</b> "2009-2010 Annual Report on the Collaboration between IICA and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)."	Resolution implemented.	
1. To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Executive Director of CARDI to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to take place in 2011, a joint action program for 2011-2014 that includes projects in high-priority areas identified in the 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan, that will effectively complement the capabilities and	The Executive Committee, via Resolution No.552, endorsed the IICA-CARDI Joint Action Program for the period 2011-2014."	No actions pending.

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<ul> <li>resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Member States of the Institute.</li> <li>2. To continue to support the collaborative activities between IICA and CARDI as well as their contribution to the development of the agricultural sector in the Caribbean.</li> </ul>	Operative paragraph in effect.	
3. To urge CARDI and IICA to strengthen their institutional ties and joint action programs.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> To strengthen links between the institutions, and based on the IICA-CARDI Joint Action Program, the following mechanisms have been established: (i) Strengthening of CARDI's links with Latin American institutions; (ii) The science, technology and innovation network system; (iii) The development of synergies in ongoing projects; (iv) Participation in IICA's Resources for Competitiveness Program; (v) The IICA-CARDI Agreement; and, (vi) Access to external resources for joint projects.	No actions pending.
4. To request that IICA and CARDI establish a working group to program their joint activities annually, monitor the execution of the projects and their contributions and prepare a report annually for submission to the Executive Committee.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> IICA and CARDI have established the Joint Action Program 2011-2014 Working Group. The mandate of this group includes follow-up to the implementation of the Joint Program of Action and its specific projects, as well as preparation of the annual reports to the Executive Committee.	No actions pending.

# **B. RESOLUTIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED**

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<b>Resolution No. 525.</b> "Deadline for distribution of the working documents for the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Inter-American Board of Agriculture."	Resolution being implemented.	
<ol> <li>To amend the last sentence of Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, as follows:</li> <li>"The Director General shall send the working documentation to the Member States and IICA Associates for their consideration and review, via electronic media, 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting."</li> </ol>	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> This change was incorporated into the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee <sup>2</sup> and will apply to the documentation for the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.	No actions pending.
i 2. To task the Director General with presenting for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, a draft resolution amending Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, similar to the amendment, via this resolution, of Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.		The proposed amendment was drafted and approved by the Director General. It forms part of the working documents that will be submitted for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to be held within the framework of the Meeting of Ministers of the Americas in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 19-21, 2011.
<ul><li>3. To accept the proposal made by the Director General, to the effect that, in future:</li><li>(i) the working and informational documents for the meetings of IICA's governing bodies that are not confidential be made freely</li></ul>	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> Instructions were issued and access to the on-line system of the Executive Committee changed, eliminating the need for a password.	No actions pending.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Official Document No. 22, which contains the current version of the Convention and basic rules of procedure of IICA, includes the amendment under the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.

available, for review and consultation, on the IICA Web portal; and, (ii) those documents shall be stored on the IICA Web portal in a format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties.	Since the date on which the resolution took effect, the only documents that are confidential are those that, in the opinion of the Director General, could damage the institution in some way if they were to be misused.	
<b>Resolution No. 531.</b> "Guidelines for Strengthening the Links and Joint Actions between IICA and FAO."	Resolution being implemented.	
1. To establish that the strategy to be followed to strengthen the ties between the two institutions is the development of mechanisms to broaden and deepen the coverage of joint actions.	Operative paragraph in effect.	
2. To instruct the Director General to continue efforts to develop new and more effective links with FAO, to strengthen and expand the coverage and scope of joint actions, in the common areas established in the agreements currently in effect and any others that the two parties may agree upon in the future.	Operative implemented.paragraph paragraphbeingThe Director General included in his report on the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the progress achieved in strengthening relations with the FAO, and in particular with the new Administration of this Organization, which will assume office in January 2012, under the leadership of Dr. Graziano da Silva.	
3. To urge the Member States to propose to the governing bodies of FAO that they issue similar instructions to the Director General of FAO for strengthening joint actions with IICA.	Operative paragraph in effect.	

4. To urge the Member States, as far as possible, to promote and support the design and implementation of joint technical cooperation actions by IICA and FAO, both in their respective countries and in the regional integration mechanisms.	Operative paragraph in effect.	
5. To instruct the Director General to present for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA: (i) a proposal for IICA-FAO joint work program; and, (ii) a proposal that prioritizes the strategy of support for joint actions as the most viable way of strengthening relations between the two institutions.	<b>Operative paragraph being</b> <b>implemented.</b> In keeping with Resolution No. 546, the IICA-FAO relations have been placed on the Agenda approved by the Executive Committee, for the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to be held in Costa Rica, in October of 2011.	
<b>Resolution No. 532.</b> "IICA-CATIE Joint Action."	Resolution being implemented.	
1. To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to take place in 2011, a joint action program for 2011-2014 that includes projects in high- priority areas identified in the IICA 2010- 2014 Medium-Term Plan that will effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Member States of the Institute.	<b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> The Executive Committee, via Resolution No.550, endorsed the IICA- CATIE Joint Action Program for the period 2011-2014."	No actions pending.
2. To urge the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to strengthen the technical and administrative mechanisms for joint efforts in the Member	Operative paragraph in effect.	This matter is among those to be considered by the IABA at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting, which will be held within the framework of the Meeting of

States with a view to strengthening and		Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas
expanding joint actions.		in San Jose, Costa Rica, October 19-21,
		2011.
3. To stipulate that, at its Thirty-first	Operative paragraph being	
Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee	implemented.	
shall propose to the IABA that the latter's	The Executive Committee, via	
Representative on the Governing Council of	Resolution No.543, proposed to the	
CATIE, in carrying out his mandate, should	IABA the responsibilities of its	
ensure that the joint work with IICA is	representative on the Governing Council	
strengthened and, especially, that the	of CATIE.	
provisions of the present resolution are		
complied with.		

#### STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (San Jose, Costa Rica, July 12-14, 2011)

# A. RESOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTED

#### STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### **General Information**

The Member States sitting on the Executive Committee were Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Haiti, Panama, Paraguay, St. Kitts and Nevis, Uruguay and Venezuela. Participating as Observer Member States were Argentina, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico and the United States of America; as Associate State, Spain; and as Permanent Observers, Germany and France. The Executive Committee was chaired by Mrs. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Farming, Representative of Costa Rica, and as Rapporteur Mr. Simeon Pinder, Alternate Delegate of the Bahamas.

### I. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in 2011

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<b>Resolution No. 534.</b> <i>"2011 IICA Annual Report"</i>	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	No pending actions
To approve the 2010 IICA Annual Report.		
<b>Resolution No. 537.</b> " <i>Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</i> " To elect Ms. Magela E. Kinkead C., from the Republic of Panama, to occupy the position of member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by all the Member States for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and concluding on December 31, 2017.	Resolution Implemented	No pending actions In letter SC/DG-570, dated July 19, 2011, the Government of Panama was informed of the election of Ms. Kinkead as member of the ARC. In letter SC/DG-569, dated July 19, 2011 Ms. Kinkead was informed of her appointment to the ARC, to begin or January 1, 2012.
Resolution No. 538. "Appointment of External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2012-2013 Biennium" To appoint the firm of Ernst & Young as the External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2012-2013 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two years.	<b>Resolution Implemented</b> In letter SC/SCO/DS-135, dated July 27, 2011, the firm of Ernst & Young was notified of the Executive Committee's decision.	In accordance with Resolution 538, the Director General will monitor the performance of the external auditing firm and consider, when the time comes, the possibility of extending the current contract for an additional two years.
<b>Resolution No. 542.</b> <i>"Tribute to Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez Jaime for his Contributions as a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC).</i>	<b>Resolution Implemented</b> In letter SC/DG-660, dated August 10, 2011, Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez was informed of the tribute.	No pending actions.

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1. To thank the Government of Mexico for the support provided by Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez Jaime, as a member of the ARC.		
2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Mr. Gutierrez and offer sincere thanks for his contributions to the ARC, and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.		
<b>Resolution No. 544.</b> <i>"Report of the 2011 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues (SACMI)"</i>	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	No pending actions
To approve the report of the 2011 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.		
<b>Resolution No. 545.</b> "Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee"	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	No pending actions
To approve the reports:		
1. Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)		
2. Status of the Resolutions of the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.		

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<b>Resolution No. 549</b> . "2010-2011 Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)"	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	
1. To accept the 2010-2011 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).	In letter SC/DG-647, dated August 8, 2011, the Director General del IICA sent Resolution 549 to the Director General of CATIE.	No pending actions
2. To thank the Director General of CATIE and his staff for presenting the "2010-2011 Biennial Report."		
<b>Resolution No. 551.</b> "2010-2011 Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)"	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	No pending actions
1. To accept the 2010-2011 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).	In letter SC/DG-639, dated August 8, 2011, the Director General del IICA sent Resolution 549 to the Executive Director of CARDI.	
2. To thank the Executive Director of CARDI and his staff for presenting the "2010-2011 Biennial Report."		
<b>Resolution No. 552.</b> "Joint action Program of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and IICA"	<b>Resolution Implemented</b>	No pending actions
1. To accept the "IICA-CARDI 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action."	<b>Operative Paragraph Implemented</b>	
2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms	<b>Operative Paragraph Implemented</b> The Executive Director of CARDI and the	

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for implementing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution that the two institutions make in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.	the mechanism responsible for: (i)	

### **B. RESOLUTIONS BEING IMPLEMENTED**

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<b>Resolution No. 535.</b> <i>"2010 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors"</i>	Resolution being implemented	
1. To accept the 2010 financial statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors, and to instruct the Director General to submit them to the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA for its information	Operative paragraph implemented	No pending actions
2. To instruct the Director General to follow up on the recommendations of the external auditors and provide a report to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.	OperativeparagraphbeingimplementedThe Director General has been followingup on the recommendations of theexternal auditors and will prepare andpresent, when the time comes, a report tothe Thirty-second Regular Meeting of theExecutive Committee (2012).	
<b>Resolution No. 539.</b> <i>"Report on the Collection of Quotas"</i>	Resolution being implemented	
1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA's Member States for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to IICA.	Operative paragraph implemented	No pending actions.
2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual	Operative paragraphs 2 and 3 being implemented Application of the measures continues, as do efforts to collect quotas.	In early September 2011, the Member States will receive an up-to-date report on the collection of quotas as one of the working documents for the Meeting of Ministers of

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quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.		Agriculture 2011.
3. To instruct the Director General to: (a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2011 and those owed for previous years; and (b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.	Operative paragraph in effect	
4. To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed with the General Directorate to meet their financial obligations to IICA.		
<b>Resolution No. 541.</b> <i>"Full recovery of costs incurred in administering Externally Funded Projects"</i>		
1. Retain the services of an external consulting firm for the purpose of preparing a study that will provide criteria for defining a policy aimed at recovering the costs the Institute incurs in administering externally funded projects (Institutional Net Rate-INR).	OperativeparagraphbeingimplementedThe terms of reference for the study havebeen prepared, and the services of theconsulting firm retained.	
2. Present at the next Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), the study and the results, together with the Director General's recommendations, and if this study is not ready, an up-to-date progress report, which includes the Director General's observations.	Operative paragraph being implemented	

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3. In the event that this matter is not resolved at the IABA's next Regular Meeting, present the final study, together with the Director General's recommendations and the observations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Affairs, for the consideration of the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.	Operative paragraph in effect	Implementation of this provision depends on the progress made in implementing Operative Paragraph 2 of this resolution.
<b>Resolution No. 546.</b> "Agenda for the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011"	Resolution being implemented.	
1. To accept the Provisional Agenda for the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, which includes the issues to be considered by the IABA.	Operative implementedparagraph paragraphbeingThe provisional agenda was sent along with the letters of convocation to the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture 2011.	
2. To thank the Honorable Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, for her report on the preparations for the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, which will take place in the city of San Jose, Costa Rica, from October 19 to 21 of said.	Operative paragraph implemented	The Director General and the IICA
3. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with their respective ministers the importance of attending the Meeting of Ministers, to be held at IICA Headquarters in Oct	Operative paragraph being implemented	Representatives in the Member States are actively involved in efforts to ensure the participation of all the Ministers of Agriculture in the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas.

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<b>Resolution No. 548.</b> "Strengthening IICA's Strategic Partnerships"	<b>Resolution being implemented</b>	
1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General aimed at IICA's consolidating strategic partnerships with national and international organizations	Operative paragraph in effect	
<ul> <li>2. To urge the Member States to support and promote IICA as the partner of choice for the implementation of agricultural and rural development programs, through their representatives in the institutions mentioned above and through their embassies in other countries</li> <li>3. To ask the Director General:</li> </ul>	Operative paragraph in effect	At the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011, the Director General will submit to the consideration of the ministers a draft resolution containing the measures he believes they should adopt to support the efforts of the administration to develop new and strengthen existing partnerships.
<ul> <li>a. To propose to the ministers of agriculture who will be participating in the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture the Americas 2011 that they support the strengthening of the IICA partnerships referred to in the present Resolution.</li> <li>b. To present to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in the establishment and consolidation of strategic partnerships, and underscore the support received from the Members States to ensure the success of this effort.</li> </ul>	Operative paragraph being implemented	

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<ul> <li>Resolution No. 550. "Joint action program of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) and IICA"</li> <li>1. To accept the "IICA-CATIE 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action."</li> <li>2. To acknowledge the dynamic nature of the above-mentioned joint action program, which may be adjusted to tap opportunities and take into account possible changes in the demand for joint cooperation services in the Member States</li> </ul>	Resolution being implemented Operative paragraph implemented Operative paragraph in effect	
3. To request that the Director General of IICA, in coordination with the Director General of CATIE, present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, an evaluation of the implementation of the Joint Program	Operative paragraph pending implementation	<b>Note</b> . This operative paragraph will be implemented in early 2012.
4. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Joint Action Program, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.	OperativeparagraphbeingimplementedThe Directors General have establishedthe mechanism for preparing,implementing, monitoring and evaluatingthe IICA-CATIE Programs for JointAction.	

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<b>Resolution No. 553.</b> <i>"Collaboration with the CGIAR"</i>	Resolution being implemented	
1. To support the proposal of the Director General calling for the strengthening of relations between IICA and the CGIAR by establishing a partnership intended to support the Member States in the development and application of technology required to make agriculture competitive, sustainable and inclusive	Operative paragraph in effect	On August 26, 2011, the Directors General of CIP, CIAT, CIMMYT and IFPRI met with the Director General of IICA and his team. The meeting focused on the identification of possible areas for cooperation between the Centers and IICA. The results of the meeting and progress in consolidating the partnership between IICA and the CGIAR will be shared with the Member States during the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011.
2. To request that the Director General keep the Member States informed of progress in and the results of this initiative	Operative paragraph being implemented	
3. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States to provide, in their respective countries, the support required to plan and implement joint actions between IICA and the CGIAR at the national, regional or hemispheric level.	Operative paragraph in effect	

# C. RESOLUTIONS PENDING IMPLEMENTATION

RESOLUTION AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
Resolution No. 540. "2012-2013 Program	Resolution pending implementation	The version of the proposed 2010-2013
Budget"		Program Budget containing the
		recommendations made by the Executive
To recommend that the Inter-American Board of		Committee will be submitted to the IABA
Agriculture :		at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting for
		approval.
1. Approve US\$33,784,900 for 2012 and		
US\$33,899,800 for 2013 from the Regular Fund		
as the overall allocation for the 2012-2013		
Program Budget of the Institute, financed with		
quota contributions from the Member States in		
the amount of US\$27,684,900 in 2012 and		
US\$27,799,800 in 2013, according to the		
amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached		
hereto as "Annex A," including the quotas		
allocated and over-quota contributions, and		
miscellaneous income in the amount of		
US\$6,100,000 per year, consisting of		
US\$3,500,000 estimated to be generated annually		
and the use of up to US\$2,600,000 per year of the		
resources of the Miscellaneous Income Fund.		
2. Approve the use of resources for the 2012-		
2. Approve the use of resources for the 2012- 2013 Program Budget in accordance with the		
adjustments agreed upon to Document		
IICA/CE/Doc.582(11), "Program Budget for the		
2012-2013 biennium," which contains detailed		
allocations for each of the chapters, technical		
cooperation programs, spheres of action and		
major objects of expenditure. The summary of		
allocations by Chapter is attached as "Annex B"		
to this resolution.		
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3. Authorize the Director General to:		
i. Make transfers among chapters of the 2012- 2013 Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than ten per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved; and,		
ii. Make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years 2012 and 2013 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.		
<b>Resolution No. 543.</b> "Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)"	Resolution pending implementation	
1. To recommend that the IABA charge its representative on the Governing Council of CATIE with the responsibilities listed in the Annex to the present resolution.	Operative paragraph pending	This matter has been placed on the agenda of the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011 and must be addressed by the IABA at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting
2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State representing the IABA on the Governing Board of CATIE with the information, logistical and technical support and legal advice required to carry out the	<b>Operative paragraph pending</b> The Director General will provide such support as may be required by the people designated to represent the IABA on the Governing Council of	

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responsibilities specified in the present resolution.	CATIE.	
<b>Resolution No. 547.</b> "Date and Venue of the Thirty-Second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee"	Resolution pending implementation	
1. To hold the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2012.	Operative paragraph pending implementation	
2. To instruct the Director General, in accordance with the procedures established in the regulations currently in effect, to issue the call to the Member States to take part in the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.	Operative paragraph pending implementation	<b>Note</b> : In accordance with the calendar of meetings of the Governing Bodies, it will be possible to implement Executive Committee Resolution 547 in early 2012.