



Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2015  
and Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA

**Status of the resolutions of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth  
Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee**

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

### I. General Information

The Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from May 21-22, 2014. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, El Salvador, Granada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay<sup>1</sup>.

Mr. Roland Bhola, Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Fisheries and Environment of Grenada, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mrs. María de Lourdes Cruz, Director of International Relations of the General Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) of Mexico, serve as Rapporteur.

### II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p><b>Resolution N.º 581</b> <i>“2013 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</i></p> <p>To approve the 2013 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 582</b> <i>“Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”; and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution No. 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from July 23-24, 2003.

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 583</b> <i>“Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2012-2013”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the report on the activities implemented by CARDI during the 2012-2013 biennium and to thank CARDI for its presentation.</li> <li>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p><b>Resolution N.º 584</b> <i>“Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2012-2013”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2012-2013 and thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation.</li> <li>2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Program for Joint Action, 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.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p><b>Resolution N.º 585</b> <i>“Report of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) on the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the period 2013-2014”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the report of the United States of America and thank that country for its work as the Representative of the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE during the period 2013-2014; and,</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>2. To task the Director General of IICA with presenting to the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, scheduled to be held in Mexico in 2015, the report of the Representative of the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE for the period 2013-2014.</p>	Operative paragraph being implemented	The report will be included as information document No. 2 in the Online Information System of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which is due to be held from October 19-23, 2015.
<p><b>Resolution N.º 586</b> <i>“Report of the 2014 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</i></p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2014 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	No further action required.
<p><b>Resolution N.º 587</b> <i>“Allocation of resources for the 2015 Program Budget”</i></p> <p>To approve the detailed allocation of regular resources for the 2015 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and priorities specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 625 (14), “Proposed 2015 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as “Annex A.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	The budget is being executed in accordance with the resources allocated.
<p><b>Resolution N.º 588</b> <i>“Report on the collection of quotas”</i></p> <p>1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p>	Resolution being implemented	Letters of appreciation were sent for the quota payments received, in which IICA stressed the importance of those resources to enable it to perform its work. Furthermore, the Institute has endeavored to collect quotas outstanding from previous years, maintaining regular communication with the countries in question.

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<p>3. To instruct the Director General to: (a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2014 and those owed for previous years; and, (b) keep IICA's Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</p>		<p>At the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in July 2015, the Member States were informed of the status of the collection of quotas.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 589</b> <i>“2013 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twentieth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <p>1. To accept the 2013 financial statements of IICA and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General to submit them to the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the Twentieth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	
<p><b>Resolution N.º 590</b> <i>“Appointment of External Auditors of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for the 2014-2015 biennium”</i></p> <p>To appoint the firm of Deloitte &amp; Touche S.A. as the external auditors of IICA and CATIE for the 2014-2015 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two years.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 591</b> <i>“Date and Venue of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To hold the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2015.</li> <li>To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>The Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee took place from July 15-16, 2015, in San Jose, Costa Rica, at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>The Director General sent out the call to meeting to the Member States and other participants 30 days before the date of the start of the meeting, as established in Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 592</b> <i>“2014-2018 Medium-Term Plan of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve IICA’s 2014-2018 Medium-term Plan (MTP) as the frame of reference for the Institute’s actions during the period in question, and to instruct the Director General to incorporate the suggestions made by the Member States.</li> <li>To express satisfaction with the broad participation promoted in the Member States during the process of preparing the 2014-2018 MTP and, in particular, to express appreciation for the constructive comments received in the SACMI and in this meeting.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The Medium-term Plan is under way and all the Institute’s activities are geared toward ensuring its successful implementation.</p> <p>IICA’s structure has been adjusted to match the institutional framework provided for in the MTP.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 593</b> “<i>Financial strengthening of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for the implementation of the 2014-2018 Medium-Term Plan (MTP)</i>”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To urge the Member States to make additional voluntary contributions as over-quotas in order to strengthen the Regular Fund and the implementation of the 2014-2018 MTP.</li> <li>2. To ask the Director General to continue to promote and secure additional resources to strengthen the technical and management capabilities of the Institute for the implementation of the 2014-2018 MTP from the associate countries, permanent observers, donor countries, companies, foundations, funding agencies, third countries with which IICA has signed cooperation agreements and other possible contributors.</li> <li>3. To ask the Director General to submit a report for the observations and suggestions of the SACMI on the criteria established by the General Directorate for evaluation and acceptance of externally funded technical cooperation projects and to present said report for the consideration of the next meeting of the Executive Committee. These criteria should closely link the projects to the established strategic objectives and results established in the MTP.</li> <li>4. Request the Director General, with the objective of assuring a consistent INR policy in projects financed with external resources to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Conduct, in accordance with rule 3.5.2 of the Financial Rules, the annual study of the INR to ensure that the Institute’s INR is commensurate with the actual costs of administering external resources in order to establish the</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p>	<p>Several studies and analyses were conducted and technical notes prepared that underscore the importance of strengthening the regular budget to allow the Institute to maintain at least the present level of operation. IICA has also promoted its policy for the recovery of proportional indirect costs (RePIC) and informed its governing bodies of the criteria used to accept externally funded technical cooperation projects. The matter of options for the financial strengthening of the Institute formed part of the agenda of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in July 2015.</p> <p>At the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in July 2015, IICA presented a note on the criteria and procedures established by the General Directorate for assessing and approving externally funded projects.</p> <p>IICA has applied the policy for the recovery of proportional indirect costs (RePIC), achieving a three-point increase in the rate during the present administration. The respective report was presented to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting, held in July 2015.</p>



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<p>annual rate.</p> <p>(b) Propose criteria, in compliance with paragraph 3 above, to deal with future projects with an INR that do <u>not</u> recover indirect costs;</p> <p>(c) Present a report at the next Executive Committee meeting regarding the approval of projects and the INR applied.</p> <p>5. To ask the Director General, working with the SACMI, to draft options for the financial strengthening of the Institute and present them for consideration by the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, with a view to submitting them to the next meeting of the IABA.</p>		<p>A Program Budget has been prepared for the 2016-2017 biennium that considers the financial strengthening of the Regular Fund.</p>

### III. Other resolutions

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 506</b> <i>“Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</i></p> <p>1. To adopt and put into effect immediately, subject to approval by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, the Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA), contained in Appendix A to this Resolution.</p> <p>2. To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA) on its activities in 2014 was presented in information document No. 03 of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which took place from July 15-16, 2015.</p>

## **STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **I. General Information**

The Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San José, Costa Rica, from July 15-16, 2015.

The 2015 Executive Committee comprised the following countries: Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Granada, Jamaica, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Jose Alpuche, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture of Belize, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mrs. María de Lourdes Cruz, Director of International Relations of the General Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) of Mexico, serve as Rapporteur.

### **II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2015 Executive Committee**

IICA will provide the necessary follow-up to the resolutions adopted at the recent Executive Committee meeting. It will also provide a progress report at its meeting to be held in 2016, on those resolutions requiring specific action on the part of the Institute.

The resolutions have been included in the final report of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which can be accessed via the Information System of the 2015 IABA.

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