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NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Resolution N° 336. "Financing of the Regular Fund and Distribution of Resources for the Years 2000 and 2001"</p>	<p>1. To approve the 2000-2001 Program Budget, in the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually for the Regular Fund, in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters and items detailed in Document IICA/IJA/Doc.241(99), "Financing of the Regular Fund and Distribution of Resources for the Years 2000 and 2001," a chapter-by-chapter summary of which is attached to this Resolution as "Appendix A".</p>	<p align="center">-----</p>
	<p>2. To establish that for 2000 and 2001, to finance the Regular Fund, the Member States shall contribute quota funds in the amount of US\$27,508,680 in each year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached to this Resolution as "Appendix B", and the US\$2,491,320 in miscellaneous income which the Institute expects to receive annually.</p>	<p align="center">-----</p>
	<p>3. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the chapters of the Program Budget, provided total transfers neither increase nor reduce the amount allocated to the affected chapters by more than 10% and do not</p>	<p>This provision was observed during the execution of the 2000 and 2001 Plans of Operation.</p>

	substantially affect the strategic areas approved.	
	4. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the distribution of resources recommended in this Resolution, should income from each of the years fall below programmed levels. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.	It was not necessary to make major adjustments in the allocation of resources approved by Resolution N° 336.
	5. To instruct the Director General that any contribution of resources from the Regular Fund received that exceeds the total amount approved for the biennium and the balance of uncommitted, unspent appropriations shall be deposited in the Working Subfund of the Regular Fund.	This instruction, was carried out with the closing of the 2000 fiscal year. The same will be done with the 2001 closing, should the incoming Regular Fund resources surpass the amount executed that year.
Resolution N° 337. 1997 and 1998 Financial Statements of the Institute	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve Document IICA/JIA/Doc.242(99), "1997 and 1998 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors". 2. To congratulate the firm KPMG Peat Marwick for its report. 3. To thank the Member States that have responded to the Director General's request concerning the payment of quotas, and to urge the others to follow their example. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The IABA's congratulations were transmitted to KPMG Peat Marwick. b. The General Directorate sent letters to the Member States, expressing appreciation for their support of the Institute through the payment of their quotas.

Resolution N° 338. Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Audit Review Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Fourth and Fifth Annual Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) contained in document IICA/JIA/Doc.243(99). 2. To congratulate and thank the members of the Audit Review Committee for their work. 	The members of the Audit Review Committee received the congratulations.
Resolution N° 339. Appointment of External Auditors for the 2000-2001 Biennium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To appoint Deloitte & Touche as the firm of External Auditors of the Institute and CATIE for the 2000-2001 period, which may be extended by the Director General for up to two additional years in accordance with the amendment to article 2(h) of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA adopted by the IABA at its Ninth Regular Meeting. 2. To charge the General Directorate with emphasizing in the contract signed with Deloitte & Touche the importance of ensuring that its reports are in compliance with the provisions of Articles 102 and 104 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The contract was signed with Deloitte & Touche, which took over as external auditors for the Institute and CATIE in September 2000. b. The recommendation of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture was included in the contract signed with Deloitte & Touche. c. The Director General informed the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, of the extension of the contract of the firm Deloitte & Touche, as External Auditors of the Institute and of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), for the 2002-2003 period, pursuant to Article 5.9.2 of the Financial Rules and Article 6. a) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate which state, respectively:

		<p>"Appointment of a firm of external auditors shall be for a period of two years. However, the Director General, at his discretion and when performance standards have been met, may elect to extend the appointment of the firm of external auditors for an additional period of two years."</p> <p>"It is the responsibility of the Director General ... to administer the financial resources of the Institute, and when deemed necessary, and at least every four years, to obtain proposals from external auditing firms and present them to the Committee."</p>
Resolution N° 340. Remuneration of the Director General for the 2000-2001 Biennium	<p>1. To delegate to the Executive Committee, at its Twentieth Regular Meeting, the authorization to set the remuneration of the Director General for the 2000-2001 biennium.</p> <p>2. To set the base salary of the Director General at the 1999 level for 2000 until the Executive Committee has made the corresponding decision.</p>	-----
Resolution N° 341. The New Institutional Dimension	<p>1. To adopt the following proposed legal instruments set out in Document IICA/JIA/Doc.240(99)rev., "The New Institutional Dimension," which is attached as Annex A of this Resolution: (a) Proposed</p>	<p>a. The corresponding rules were amended and published with the modifications approved by the IABA.</p>

	<p>Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, (b) Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee; (c) Proposed Modifications to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate; and (d) Modifications of Other Rules of the Institute; and (e) the Statute of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues.</p>	
	<p>2. To recommend that the OAS General Assembly adopt the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening and Revitalizing the Linkages Between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and Other Organs of the OAS for Addressing Issues of Hemispheric Concern Involving Agriculture," which is set out in Document IICA/JIA Doc.240 (99) rev., and attached as part of Annex A.</p>	<p>b. The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS), meeting on May 26, 2000, approved draft resolution OEA/Ser.P. AG/doc.3894/00. Subsequently, this draft resolution was submitted for consideration to the General Assembly, held in Windsor, Canada, in June 2000.</p>
	<p>3. To instruct the Director General: (a) to include that recommended draft OAS General Assembly resolution in the Institute's Annual Report to the OAS General Assembly; (b) to take such other measures as may be appropriate to assure that the draft resolution is considered by the General Assembly at its next Regular Session, and (c) to report on the outcome to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>a. The Draft Resolution was approved by the OAS General Assembly.</p> <p>b. On July 7, the Director General informed the Member States of the Institute of the approval of the resolution by the OAS; he also referred to this topic during the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

Resolution No. 342. Incorporation of the Gender Perspective into Institutional Policies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To incorporate the gender perspective into IICA's institutional system and request the Director General to make the legal, regulatory and operational changes needed to comply with this mandate. To request the Director General of IICA to ensure that the Institute's gender policy is also expressed in the institution's action and instruments for technical cooperation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The gender perspective has been incorporated into IICA's institutional system. The gender perspective is being incorporated into the different instruments for technical cooperation.
Resolution No. 343. Date and Site of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To thank the Government of the Dominican Republic and accept its generous offer to serve as the site of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA). To hold the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) in the Dominican Republic in October 2001. 	Pertinent actions are being taken, together with authorities in the Dominican Republic, for organizing and holding the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the IABA, in Punta Cana, from November 26-29, 2001.
Resolution No. 344. 1997 and 1998 Annual Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the 1997 and 1998 Annual Reports presented by the Director General and contained in document IICA/JIA/Doc.237(99). To congratulate the Director General for the contents and presentation of the Annual Reports. 	(No additional action necessary)

Resolution No. 345. Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture	To accept with satisfaction Document IICA/JIA/Doc.245(99), "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)."	(No additional action necessary)
Resolution No. 346. 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Medal	To grant the 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Medal to Mr. José Domingo Molina, in public international recognition of his outstanding contributions to agricultural development and the betterment of rural life.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In letter SC/DG-656, of November 12, 1999, the Director General informed Mr. José Domingo Molina of the IABA's decision; he also informed the authorities in Mexico by means of letter SC/DG-655. The award was presented on September 8, 2000, in Mexico City.
Resolution No. 347. 1998-1999 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development	To grant the 1998-1999 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development to Mrs. Roberta Marie Davidson Williams, in public international recognition of her outstanding contributions to agricultural development and the betterment of rural life.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In letter SC/DG-658, of November 12, 1999, the Director General informed Mrs. Davidson Williams of the IABA's decision; he also informed the authorities in Antigua and Barbuda by means of letter SC/DG-657. The award was presented on October 7, 2000, as part of the celebration of the IICA twenty-fifth anniversary of the IICA Cooperation Agency in Jamaica.
Resolution No. 348. Third Ministerial Forum	To take note of the conclusions of the Third Ministerial Forum and entrust IICA, within the framework of the current Medium Term Plan	The pertinent recommendations were duly incorporated into IICA's technical programs, and progress in these fields will be discussed

	and in accordance with the availability of the resources allocated, to follow up on the issues addressed at the Forum and keep both the Executive Committee, and the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) informed of developments.	in the report the Director General will make to the Executive Committee and/or the IABA, as the case may be.
<p>Resolution No. 349. Agenda and Plan of Action for Financing the Rural Economy and the Struggle Against Poverty</p>	<p>1. To accept and thank the Inter-American Development Bank for its invitation to participate in the aforementioned Conference and to discuss, within that framework, an inter-American agenda for the development of the rural economy and the struggle against poverty, and to reach agreement regarding a plan of action.</p> <p>2. To charge IICA, and request support from the IDB, IFAD, ECLAC, GTZ, FAO and the World Bank, with preparing, together and in consultation with the governments, a proposal for an inter-American agenda for financing the rural economy and combating rural poverty, that establishes priority areas for expenditures and investments, and a plan of action involving joint action among the cooperation agencies for complying with that agenda.</p> <p>3. To call on the governments of the Member States to strengthen dialogue among the</p>	<p>a. The Institute transmitted the invitation of the IDB to the ministers of agriculture of the Member States. A large number of Ministers attended the Conference.</p> <p>b. At the Conference, representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development; the Technical Cooperation Agency of Germany; the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; and IICA, signed an agreement creating the Inter-Agency Group on Rural Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>c. Also at the Conference, a work plan was agreed to between the Sustainable Development Department of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).</p> <p>d. As part of the work of the inter-agency group on sustainable development,</p>

<p>Resolution No. 350. Strengthening IICA Programs that Address the Development of the Processes of Dialogue, Modernization, and Integration of Agricultural and Rural Education and Training</p>	<p>ministers of agriculture, the economy and/or finance, with a view to giving priority in decisions on expenditures and investment to the issues of agriculture, rural development and the struggle against poverty.</p> <p>4. To acknowledge the important work by the IDB and IICA to achieve an inter-agency effort for developing a new approach to agriculture, rural development and the struggle against poverty.</p>	<p>organized for joint participation in fostering dialogue between key players of the World Bank (which includes countries, clients, partners and development agencies), the World Bank asked IICA, through CIDER, to prepare and conduct jointly a survey of said players (countries, clients, and development agencies), with a view to improving the rural development strategy "from vision to action" for the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. This consultation was conducted in April.</p> <p>e. Both the IDB and IICA took note of this recognition.</p>
	<p>1. To underscore the strategic importance of increasing the cooperation efforts the Institute is undertaking at the national, regional, and hemispheric levels, and of strengthening the strategic alliances and joint projects on this subject that are being undertaken in partnership with the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).</p>	<p>1. More intensive cooperation was provided to the inter-American system of standing forums for dialogue and the integration of agricultural and rural education (eduagroforum). (*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleven national forums were created: Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Uruguay. • The four regional forums (Andean, Caribbean, Central American and Mercosur) are operating.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hemispheric "Forum of the Americas" was created, which includes joint efforts with the OAS, the World Bank and the IDB, with whom conceptual and operating ties have been strengthened. <p>Cooperation was provided for the holding of the Twelfth Meeting of the Latin American Association of Higher Agricultural Education (ALEAS) entitled "Bringing about greater integration and relevance in institutions of higher agricultural education in Latin America."</p> <p>(* Includes academic authorities and associations of professionals and agribusinesses. Contributes to modernizing agricultural and rural education and to facilitating reciprocal cooperation among academic centers for the purposes of updating curricula, providing training for instructors, and evaluating and accrediting courses of study.</p>
	<p>2. To instruct the Director General to strengthen institutional training activities for human resources on competitive agriculture and a developed rural milieu through a training program on strategic subjects that are in great</p>	<p>1. Training activities on strategic subject areas were strengthened for the Cooperation Agencies and the Regions (trade, agricultural health, food safety, agricultural education..)</p>

<p>Resolution No. 351. Adaptation of Agriculture and the Rural Milieu to Climatic Change</p>	<p>demand in the countries, that coordinates technical resources with regular financial resources, and the external financial resources obtained, in order to optimize their use and impact.</p> <p>3. To establish mechanisms for conducting ongoing consultations and dialogue with Governments in order to evaluate progress and direct the programs towards real local, regional, and hemispheric needs.</p> <p>To charge the Institute and through it, the research institutes, whether or not they address the Region's agriculture, with channeling efforts to develop mechanisms that will furnish the technologies required for the necessary adaptation, both proactive and preventive, by the agricultural sector and the rural milieu to events characterizing climatic change.</p>	<p>2. An inter-American training program was prepared on strategic issues, which involves the resources and activities of the Institute's different technical units. This strategy will be executed with resources from the next budget.</p> <p>One hemispheric and four regional advisory groups were established, aiming to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contribute to generating strategies and cooperation programs for modernizing agricultural education, and establish regional mechanisms for the recognition of degrees and for regulating the circulation of professional services. <p>IICA, together with organizations of the Member States responsible for agricultural technology innovation, with regional inter-governmental centers such as CATIE, CARDI, FONTAGRO, and with the CGIAR international research systems headquartered in LAC, are working together to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> update regional research priorities; include as a priority in regional and international research agendas, projects to conserve and make sustainable use of natural resources and, especially, those addressing the impact of climate change on production systems;
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<p>Resolution No. 352. Support to the Government of Panama for the Maintenance of Water Sources Flowing into the Panama Canal</p>	<p>1. To acknowledge and support the interest of the Government of Panama in undertaking activities relating to maintaining the water sources that supply the Panama Canal and that will enable sustainable human development in the Canal's watershed.</p>	<p>a. In 1999, the Technical Secretariat of the Committee on Sustainable Development (CODES) and CEPPI, in support of the IICA CA in Panama, prepared a proposal for a regional development project, directly involving the Canal and nearby watersheds, using a multidisciplinary approach aiming to generate an integrated and sustainable development plan.</p> <p>b. A general assessment was also prepared that identifies the main factors that need to be considered in said plan: degradation of watersheds, agricultural activity, poverty levels, water supply</p>

		<p>and demand, expansion of urban areas and security problems in the Canal zone.</p> <p>It is underscored that program is necessary and of high priority, given the complexity of the problem and its imminent impact in the near future on the country's population and economy.</p>
	<p>2. To instruct the Director General to support the efforts that the Government of Panama will make at an international level to obtain external resources that will enable it to prepare and implement programs and projects for the management and sustainable development of the Panama Canal watershed.</p>	<p>On the final mission, the Secretariat of CODES and CEPPI participated in a joint World Bank/IDB mission to discuss the possibilities of the Canal regional project. Even though a final decision regarding the project has not yet been made, it is still on the agenda of the IICA Cooperation Agency in Panama, and it is hoped that the proposal will be reactivated as part of the Institute's technical cooperation program in that country.</p>
	<p>3. To recommend to the Director General that the subject of watershed management, as an essential element of sustainable agricultural and rural development, be included on the agenda of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, within the framework of the current Medium Term Plan, acknowledging the strategic nature of the water resource and the importance of preventing and attenuating</p>	<p>On the subject of water resources, IICA has carried out the following activities:</p> <p>a) Incorporation of the mandate into its hemispheric and regional actions.</p> <p>b) Support for the development of programs and the design of policies on the management of water resources, especially river basins, in Peru,</p>

	<p>the impact of climatic change and variability in the countries of the region.</p>	<p>Dominican Republic, and proposals for projects in Honduras.</p> <p>c) In the Southern Regional Center, IICA has held international workshops on the topic in Brazil (1997) (Meeting of Waters) and Uruguay (1999), and provided support for a third meeting in Chile.</p> <p>d) In connection with river basins, IICA cooperated in holding a workshop on the administrative and financial management of water in Peru, which had international impact and produced guidelines for the management of water resources.</p> <p>e) Different publications have been produced on IICA's actions with soil and water conservation and the management of river basins. These Institute publications have been distributed at workshops, seminars and training courses.</p> <p>f) A course was offered on the integrated management of natural resources in micro-basins for agricultural professionals in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (one week).</p> <p>In sum, IICA has positioned itself to provide technical cooperation in the integrated management of natural resources; discussions have been held at the regional</p>
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<p>Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<p>of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), until October 2001.</p>	<p>b. By letter SC/DG-053, dated January 19, 2001, the Director General requested that the Member States of the Institute indicate whether they were interested in representing the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) on the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p> <p>c. As no nominations were received, the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-first Regular meeting, requested that the Government of Jamaica, as the current IABA representative on the CATIE Governing Council, accept an extension of its mandate until October 2001.</p> <p>d. In view of the above, the Executive Committee recommends that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), at its Eleventh Regular Meeting, approve the extension of the appointment of Mr. Robert Clarke of Jamaica to represent the IABA on the CATIE Governing Council for an additional two-year period.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 356. Election of Members of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture to the Board of Directors of the</p>	<p>To designate Richard Rovtvedt, from the United States of America, as Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Board of Directors of the</p>	<p>a. On November 30, 1999, the Government of the United States of America was informed of the IABA's decision.</p>

		and hemispheric levels on the topic promoted and supported by IICA; and institutional analyses and proposals on organization have begun in connection with soil and water management in river basins and agricultural and rural systems.
Resolution No. 353. Biennial Report on the Activities of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive Document IICA/JIA/Doc.248(99), "Biennial Report on the Activities of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)." To congratulate the Director General of CATIE on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report. 	(No additional action necessary)
Resolution No. 354. Biennial Report of the Caribbean Research and Development Institute (CARDI)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive Document IICA/JIA/Doc.249(99) "Biennial Report of the Caribbean Research and Development Institute (CARDI)." To congratulate the Executive Director of CARDI on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report. 	(No additional action necessary)
Resolution No. 355. Election of Members of the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and	To elect Jamaica, a member country of the Institute that is not a member of CATIE, as the representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Governing Council	a. In letter SC/DG-674, of November 18, 1999, the Director General informed the Government of Jamaica of the IABA's decision.

Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)	Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), until October 2001.	b. Mr. Routvedt was sent the corresponding letter that extended his term as IICA representative.
Resolution No. 357. Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of Brazil	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To express its deep appreciation to the government and people of Brazil, especially to His Excellency Vice President Marco Maciel for his distinguished and enlightened contributions to the Inaugural Session, and to His Excellency César Augusto Robello Borges, Governor of the State of Bahia. To express its deep appreciation to Minister of Agriculture Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes for his willingness to enter into constructive dialogue with the ministers of the hemisphere, as well as to the authorities of the State of Bahia and the diligent personnel of the Ministries of Foreign Relations and Agriculture and Supply for the warm hospitality and generous support they provided during the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture. 	(No additional action necessary)
Resolution No. 358. Vote of Thanks to Dr. Ruben Guevara	To thank Dr. Guevara for his excellent and dedicated work at the head of CATIE and wish him the greatest success in the future during his illustrious professional career.	Dr. Ruben Guevara was informed of the acknowledgment.
Resolution No. 359. Tribute to Dr. Oscar Héctor Gherzi	1. To thank the Government of Argentina for the support provided by Dr. Oscar Héctor Gherzi, the Internal Auditor of the National	Dr. Oscar Gherzi was informed of the acknowledgment

	<p>Agricultural Technology Institute (INTA), who sat on the Audit Review Committee from 1995 through 1999.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Dr. Gherzi and offer very sincere thanks for his contributions to the consolidation of the Audit Review Committee and his input furthering the administrative and financial management of the Institute.</p>	
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