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**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTEENTH  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA**

**Antigua, Guatemala**

RESOLUTION	STATUS	PENDING ACTION(S)
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 407</u></b> Progress in and Results of the Implementation of the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the report on progress in implementing the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan and to take note of the important progress made and positive results achieved in implementing the Plan, underscoring the efforts of the Director General and the staff of the Institute, as well as the support of the member countries.</li> <li>To urge the Member States to reach agreement on initiatives aimed at strengthening the Institute technically, administratively and financially, so that it will have the means it needs to comply with the 2002-2006 MTP.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p> <p><b>Implementation of operative paragraph pending</b></p>	<p>For the Member States to make such contributions</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 408</u></b> Report “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas 2005”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the report “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural life in the Americas 2005”, presented by the General Directorate, and to underscore the importance of same for the governments of the region as an instrument for analyzing and formulating policies.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>	

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<p><b><u>Resolution No. 409</u></b> Joint Actions in the field of Biotechnology and Biosafety.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the continuation of the efforts of the General Directorate aimed at reviewing and finalizing, with the representatives appointed by the Ministries of Agriculture of the Members States, as soon as possible, the proposed Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program, for which the General Directorate will continue to provide the necessary financial support.</li> <li>2. To instruct the Director General to present the final proposal on the aforementioned Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program, and the corresponding proposed budget, to the next meetings of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues and the Executive Committee, for consideration and final approval by the member countries.</li> <li>3. To urge the Member States to make voluntary, non-quota, contributions for the implementation of the proposal, and to support IICA in its efforts to secure financial resources for this hemispheric activity from regional and international technical and financial cooperation agencies.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p> <p>- The Executive Committee, in Resolution No. 445, approved the Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program.</p> <p><b>Implementation of operative paragraph pending</b></p>	<p>For the Member States to make voluntary contributions of extra-quota resources for implementation of the proposal</p>
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 410</u></b> Proposed Hemispheric Program on Agro-Energy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ask IICA to serve as a platform for hemispheric cooperation, with a view to drawing on the successful experiences in the area of agro-energy of countries in the region that produce alcohol from sugar cane, and other bio-fuels.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution Implemented</b></p>	

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<p>2. To instruct the Director General of IICA, in consultation with the Member States:</p> <p>a. to convene meetings to discuss the importance of agro-energy and bio- fuels and their potentially favorable impact on agricultural development and the economies of the Member States; and</p> <p>b. to set up a task force comprising experts from the Member States appointed by the Ministers of Agriculture, IICA personnel and strategic partners, and task them with drawing up a hemispheric program on bio-energy and bio-fuels, to be presented to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to submit a proposal to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, on the resources required to support activities to be carried out under the aforementioned Program.</p>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph implemented.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The document was presented to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting</li> </ul> <p>The Executive Committee, in Resolution No. 446, resolved: (i) To approve the bases of the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels as set forth in document IICA/CE/Doc.481(06); (ii) To instruct the Director General to form a working group, to include representatives from Member States, and to charge it with presenting recommendations for implementing the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels; (iii) To instruct the Director General to present to the Executive Committee at its next Regular Meeting, based on the recommendations of the working group, a proposal for funding the Program from 2008-2010 with resources from the Program-Budget and from the collection of quota arrearages, as well as a plan for implementing the Program; and (iv) To urge the Member States to make voluntary contributions of financial resources and qualified human resources as support for implementation of the Program.</p>	

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	<p>The proposal on actions for 2008-2010 and the funding of same was studied by the SACMI at its meeting held on March 13-14, 2007. It recommended submitting the document to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, (May 15-17, 2007).</p> <p>The Executive Committee in Resolution 461 approved the “Hemispheric Biotechnology and Bio-safety Program 2008-2010.</p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 411</u></b> Horizontal Cooperation in the Area of Agricultural Insurance and Guarantee Funds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To ask the Director General of IICA to promote and facilitate horizontal cooperation among the Member States, and the systematization and dissemination of successful experiences in the area of agricultural insurance and guarantee funds.</li> <li>2. To urge the Member States to contribute to the exchange of information and experts.</li> <li>3. To ask the General Directorate to establish partnerships with public and private financial institutions and financial organizations, with a view to coordinating, and seeking complementarities among, efforts to develop and strengthen the agricultural insurance market.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p>In fulfillment of this resolution, IICA took the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A document was prepared to guide IICA’s actions in the area of agricultural insurance, entitled “Business Plan for Technical Cooperation in Agricultural Insurance.”</li> <li>- A seminar was held to exchange experiences, involving the government of the Central Region (representing the CAC), MIPRO and IICA. Participants learned of the experiences of the National Agricultural Insurance Agency of Spain, the Munc Ruck and PROAGRO firms from Mexico, the Agricultural Insurance Committee of Chile, and the National Insurance Institute of Costa Rica.</li> <li>- The seminar included presentations on the work of the Southern Agricultural Council on the role of the state and the agricultural risk policies of the six</li> </ul>	

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	<p>countries that make up the Council; progress in Central America in the area of agricultural insurance achieved by the regional project and the International Federation of Insurance Companies (FIDES); advances worldwide by the IDB; advances in the use of weather information for producers and users of insurance in the region; and progress in connection with the project Observatory on Agricultural Insurance for the Americas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Producers underscored the need to provide more information on and promote insurance and the importance of having clear policy guidelines to ensure transparency in the market.</li> <li>- IICA supported the governments of the Caribbean, the Southern Cone and the Andean Region in preparing technical documents on agricultural insurance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Partnerships</b></p> <p>Partnerships have been established with FIDES, the regional project for Central America, the Policy Network of the Southern Agricultural Council, and the National Agricultural Insurance Agency of Spain (ENESA).</p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 412</b> 2003 and 2004 Financial Statements of the Institute and Reports of the External Auditors</p> <p>1. To approve the 2003 and 2004 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Reports of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>	

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<p><b><u>Resolution No. 413</u></b> Tenth and Eleventh Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the Tenth and Eleventh Reports of the Audit Review Committee.</li> <li>To thank the members of the ARC for their valuable efforts.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution 414</u></b> Revised Measures for Collecting Quotas Owed to the Institute</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To eliminate the appendix to Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.392, entitled “Measures for Collecting Quotas Owed to the Institute,” and replace it with the document entitled “Revised Measures for Collecting Quotas Owed to the Institute.”</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p>The measures adopted by the IABA to encourage payment of quotas owed to IICA have had a positive impact by reducing the amount several countries owe the Institute. According to the latest available data, the total amount of Member State quotas owed to the Institute decreased from US\$17.5 million in December 2003 to US\$12.3 million in December 2006, and all Member States are in “regular” or “special” status.</p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 415</u></b> Amendment to Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and Rule 2.1b of the Financial Rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the amendment to Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate to include the additional category: “d. Renewal of Infrastructure and Equipment.”</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>	

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<p><b>Resolution No. 416.</b> 2006-2007 Program Budget</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation of the 2006-2007 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US \$27,167,572 per year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Appendix A,” and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US \$2,832,428 per year.</li> <li>2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2006 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters, line items and Strategic Areas detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.465(05), "Proposed 2006-2007 Program Budget." The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as “Appendix B.”</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General to submit to the consideration of the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, a proposal for the detailed allocation of the funds approved for the 2007 Program Budget, consistent with the priorities set forth in the new Medium Term Plan of the Institute.</li> <li>4. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers neither increase nor reduce the affected Chapters by more than 10%, and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b> The Executive Committee, at its XXVI Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 452, approved the detailed allocation of the resources of the Program Budget for 2007,<sup>1</sup> which is currently being executed.</p> <p><b>Provision in effect</b></p>	

<sup>1</sup> The General Directorate prepared and delivered to the Members States on February 16, 2007, the results and indicators for the 2007 Program Budget.



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<p>5. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this Resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 fall below estimated levels for the biennium. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p><b>Provision in effect</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 417</u></b>  2006-2007 Special Budget Financed with Resources from the General Subfund</p> <p>1. To approve the special budget attached hereto, for execution during the 2006-2007 biennium, in the amount of US\$2,609,000, to be funded by any past-due quotas recovered.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to adopt such measures as may be required to ensure that the execution of the special budget does not affect the normal execution of the Institute's 2006-2007 Program Budget.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b>  The special budget approved by the IABA is being executed</p> <p><b>Provision in effect.</b> The Director General is strictly enforcing this provision.</p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 418</u></b>  General Power of Attorney of the Director General</p> <p>1. To grant to the Director General-elect general power of attorney for a period of four years, beginning January 16, 2006, so that he may faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of Director General conferred upon him under Article 20 of the Convention and Chapter II of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate.</p> <p>2. To confer this general power of attorney pursuant to the general stipulations of the Civil Code of the Republic of Costa Rica, the host country of the Institute, and to Article 1253 of said Code in particular.</p>	<p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b></p>	

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<p>3. To empower the Director General, under this general power of attorney, to grant powers of attorney of all kinds and to revoke same.</p> <p>4. To request the Director General, Chelston W. D. Brathwaite, to complete the legal procedures required to fulfill this mandate.</p>	<p><b>Provision in effect</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b> The power of attorney is recorded in the Public Registry of Costa Rica, Juridical Persons Section, volume five hundred sixty-two, entry number five thousand nine hundred seven.</p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 419</u></b> Extension of the Term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues</p> <p>1. To extend the SACMI's term from 2006-2010</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 420</u></b> Creation of a Sub-Commission of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues to Study the Proposal Presented by the Agricultural Council of the South in its Resolution Cas/Res. 01 (V Re-2005)</p> <p>1. To create a sub-commission of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, and charge it with studying the proposal and recommendations contained in the Resolution from the Southern Agricultural Council CAS/RES. 01 (V RE-2005), and presenting its conclusions and recommendations on same to the next meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p>The report of the sub-commission was delivered to the members of the SACMI</p>	

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<p>2. To set up the sub-commission, comprising the following members appointed by the corresponding five regional groups: a) Andean: Ecuador, Regular; Colombia, Alternate; b) Caribbean: Bahamas, Regular; Jamaica, Alternate; c) Central: Nicaragua, Regular; Honduras, Alternate; d) Northern: United States of America, Regular; Canada, Alternate; and, e) Southern: Argentina, Regular; Bolivia, Alternate.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>3. To instruct the sub-commission to meet in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the month of October 2005, and to present its report, containing its conclusions and recommendations, to the Director General of the Institute, no later than December 15, 2005 to be forwarded to the members of the SACMI before the end of this year. To instruct the SACMI to present its recommendations to the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.</p> <p>4. To entrust the Director General of IICA with providing the technical, logistic and financial support required for the operation of the commission.</p> <p>5. To establish that the term of the temporary sub-commission will expire once it delivers its report, in fulfillment of its mandate.</p>		

<sup>2</sup> The members of the sub-commission were as follows: Jorge Hernan Chiriboga (Ecuador,), Carolina Camacho Vergara (Colombia,), V. Alfred Gray (Bahamas), Roger Clarke (Jamaica), Luis A. Olivas Alvarez (Nicaragua), Roberto Villeda Toledo (Honduras), Stacy D. Williams and Marianne McElroy (United States of America), Robert Richard (Canada), Alejandra Sarquis, Oscar Gherzi, Lilliana Mónica Sola and Daniela Raposo (Argentina) and Juan Jose Castro Guzman (Bolivia).

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<p><b><u>Resolution No. 421</u></b>            Authorization for the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-Sixth Regular Meeting, to Approve the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To instruct the Director General, together with the SACMI, to prepare the first draft of the IICA 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan.</li> <li>2. To instruct the SACMI to analyze, inter alia, the contributions and proposals that emerge from the sub-commission created in IABA Resolution 420, as well as proposals put forth by other regional groups for the preparation of the Medium-Term Plan and the Institute's budget, and as guidance for the institutional transformation process, and to present the corresponding recommendations to the Executive Committee.</li> <li>3. To establish as basic guidelines for the preparation of the Plan: (i) those elements of the 2002-2006 MTP that should be carried over, and (ii) the priority technical cooperation services requested by the regional groups and countries and, iii) both the mandates from the Summit of the Americas process and those emerging from the ministerial meetings on agriculture and rural life, especially the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.</li> <li>4. To instruct the Director General to present the proposed 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, and to authorize the Committee: (i) to approve the 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan and (ii) to approve such adjustments as may be required in the 2007 Program Budget to allow for its implementation.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p>The contributions made by the Member States and the comments and recommendations proposed by the SACMI, in particular, were included during the process of preparing the 2006-2010 MTP.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-seventh Meeting, by delegation of the IABA, approved the 2006-2010 MTP in Resolution No 444. The Plan is in effect and provides a framework for IICA's actions from 2006-2010.</p>	

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<p><b>Resolution No. 422</b> Status of the Resolutions of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve: (i) the “Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture,” and (ii) the “Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.”</li> <li>To express satisfaction with the progress reported in complying with the resolutions issued by the Executive Committee and the IABA.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented.</b></p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 423</b> Date and Site of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board Of Agriculture (IABA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept and thank the Government of Guatemala for its generous offer to host the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</li> <li>To hold the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in Guatemala during the second half of 2007.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented</b></p> <p>To continue with the process designed by the Government of Guatemala and the General Directorate of IICA for the organization of the event.</p> <p>At the XXVII Regular Meeting of the EC, the Director General and officials of the Guatemalan government will present to the Member States information about the status of the preparations for the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the</p>	

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	Inter-American Board of Agriculture and for the Fourth Ministerial Forum within the context of the Summits of the Americas process. Both meetings will be held within the framework of the "Week of Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas, which will be held in the city of Antigua, Guatemala ,during the last week of July 2007.	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 424</u></b> 2003-2004 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the authorities and personnel of CARDI for the "2003-2004 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)."</li> <li>2. To congratulate the Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.</li> </ol>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 425</u></b> 2003-2004 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the authorities and personnel of CATIE for the "2003-2004 Biennial Report of the Tropical Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)."</li> <li>1. To congratulate the Director General of the Tropical Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.</li> </ol>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 426</u></b> Strengthening of IICA/CATIE Relations and Progress in the Execution of Joint Actions 2002-2004</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the report on progress in strengthening the ties</li> </ol>	<b>Resolution implemented</b>	

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<p>between IICA and CATIE and in executing joint activities and projects.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To instruct the Director Generals of IICA and CATIE to incorporate into the Annual Reports of their respective institutions a section on IICA/CATIE relations and on the projects and activities they carry out jointly.</li> <li>3. To express appreciation for and endorse the initiative and measures adopted by the Executive Committee in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.431 (XXV-O/05) calling for the proposal of an institutional arrangement that will ensure joint action between IICA and CATIE, and to require that any proposed arrangement be consulted with the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues for presentation to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee</li> </ol>		
<p><b><u>Resolution No. 427</u></b> Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of the Republic of Ecuador and to the Authorities of the City of Guayaquil</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To express heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency Alejandro Serrano y Lara, Constitutional Vice President of the Republic of Ecuador, for his distinguished and enlightened participation in this event, of such great importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.</li> <li>2. To express our appreciation to the Mayor, Jaime Nebot, and the people of the city of Guayaquil, and the government of Ecuador for their warm and generous hospitality and for their many contributions to the success of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented.</b> This Resolution was implemented as follows:</p> <p>-The Resolution was delivered to His Excellency Alejandro Serrano Aguilar, the Vice President of the Republic of Ecuador.</p> <p>- The Director General sent the communication conveying the appreciation of the IABA to the Mayor of Guayaquil on November 17, 2005.</p>	

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<p>3. To express our appreciation to the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Pablo Rizzo, for his great willingness to engage in constructive dialogue with his colleagues and for the efficient and fair manner in which he chaired the meeting; to the diligent personnel of the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock and of Foreign Relations, as well as of other public and private institutions in the Republic of Ecuador, for the cordial welcome and generous support provided, which has been a determining factor in the success of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas in the context of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>	<p>-The Director General sent the communication conveying the appreciation of the IABA sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Ecuador on October 24, 2005.</p>	