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MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

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STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General Information

IICA's Executive Committee held its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting 13-14 May 2005, in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. The Executive Committee was composed of the following Member States: Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Mexico, Peru, Surinam, United States of America and Uruguay. Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti also took part in the meeting, along with Spain, in its capacity as an associate member of the Institute.

Victor Villalobos, Representative of the Government of Mexico, served as the Chair of the Committee and Rodolfo Coto Pacheco, Representative of the Government of Costa Rica, as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2005 Executive Committee

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1. Institutional Policy, Cooperation Services and Inter-institutional Relations		
1.1 Resolution 426 , " <i>Progress in the Implementation of the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan</i> ," to recognize the progress made by the Director General and staff of the Institute in transforming and modernizing IICA, as well as the results of the cooperation provided to modernize agriculture and promote prosperity in the rural communities of the Americas.	Implemented	
1.2 Resolution 427 , " <i>2004 IICA Annual Report</i> ," to approve the 2004 IICA Annual Report.	Implemented	
1.3 Resolution 428 " <i>Agricultural Biotechnology and Biosafety</i> ," (i) to thank the Member States for their	Implemented In its Resolution 409, the Inter-American Board	

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<p>offers to share, through horizontal cooperation coordinated by IICA, their experiences and best practices in the area of biotechnology and biosafety; (ii) to thank the General Directorate for its proposals for strengthening horizontal cooperation; (iii) to renew the request made by the IABA at its Twelfth Regular Meeting for the Member States to contribute additional resources to support IICA's activities in the biotechnology and biosafety area; and, (iv) to ask the Director General of IICA to allocate the resources needed to implement Resolution 386 of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, from funds collected as the result of the payment of quota arrearages.</p>	<p>of Agriculture recommended that the Director General to present the program proposal to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (which he did) and then to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval.</p> <p>It also instructed the Director General to present a proposal to the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee regarding the resources needed to support the activities to be implemented under the Program.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, at the Regular Meeting in question, adopted Resolution 445, in which it approved the Program.</p>	
<p>1.4 Resolution 429 "<i>Actions in the Area of Bio-energy,</i>" (i) to congratulate the Government of Brazil on the important results generated by its successful bio-fuel program, and the State of São Paulo, especially the region of Ribeirão Preto, on progress in this field; (ii) to thank the Government of Brazil for its offer to promote, in cooperation with IICA, horizontal cooperation actions with the countries committed to developing their agro-energy sector; and, (iii) to entrust the General Directorate of IICA with the presentation of a draft resolution on horizontal cooperation in the area of bio-fuels for the consideration of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), to be held in Guayaquil, Ecuador.</p>	<p>Implemented</p> <p>In its Resolution 410, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture asked IICA to serve as a platform for hemispheric cooperation, convene meetings to discuss the importance of agro-energy and bio-fuels, set up a task force comprising experts from the Member States, and draw up a proposal to be presented to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting on the resources required to support activities to be carried out under the Program.</p> <p>At its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee adopted Resolution 446, in which it approved the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels.</p>	

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<p>1.5 Resolution 430 <i>Progress in preparation of the report “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas,”</i> to recognize the progress made by the Director General in preparing the report “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural life in the Americas,” which is of great importance to the governments of the region as an instrument for analyzing and formulating policies.</p>	<p>Implemented The report was presented to the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which approved it in its Resolution 408.</p>	
<p>1.6 Resolution 431 <i>“Strengthening of IICA/CATIE Relations and Progress in Joint Efforts,”</i> (i) to accept the report on progress in strengthening the ties between IICA and CATIE and in executing joint activities and projects; (ii) to recognize the progress made by the Directors of IICA and CATIE, and the results obtained to date, and to encourage them to continue to strengthen the ties between their organizations and expand the coverage and subject matter of their joint projects; (iii) to urge IICA, CATIE and the Government of Costa Rica, in collaboration with representatives of the other Member States (Argentina for the Southern Region, Barbados for the Caribbean Region, El Salvador for the Central Region, Peru for the Andean Region and Mexico for the Northern Region), to continue their efforts to address all pertinent legal, technical and administrative questions and propose an institutional arrangement supporting joint action between IICA and CATIE, and to ask the Director General of IICA to report on these efforts to the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues, so that it may make the corresponding</p>	<p>Implemented</p>	

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<p>recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee; and, (iv) to recommend to the IABA that it incorporate into the guidelines for the preparation of the IICA and CATIE annual reports a specific section on the ties between IICA and CATIE and on the projects and activities they carry out jointly.</p>		
<p>2. Budgetary and Financial Matters</p> <p>2.1 Resolution 432 “2004 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors,” to approve the 2004 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.</p>	<p>Implemented</p>	
<p>2.2 Resolution 433 “Eleventh Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC),” (i) to approve the Eleventh Annual Report of the ARC; (ii) to instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations set forth in the Eleventh Annual Report of the ARC; and, (iii) to thank the members of the ARC for their valuable efforts.</p>	<p>Implemented The recommendations that the ARC made in its Eleventh Report were implemented in full.</p>	
<p>2.3 Resolution 434 “Appointment of External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2006-2007 Biennium,” to appoint the firm of Deloitte & Touche as the External Auditors of the Institute and CATIE for the 2006-2007 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for up to two years.</p>	<p>Implemented The firm chosen conducted an external audit of IICA and CATIE in 2006 and will do the same in 2007.</p>	
<p>2.4 Resolution 435 “Revised measures for collecting quotas owed to the Institute,” to recommend that the IABA adopt, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting,</p>	<p>Implemented At its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA adopted Resolution 414, in which it approved</p>	

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<p>a resolution derogating the Appendix to Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.392, entitled “Measures for Collecting Quotas Owed to the Institute,” and replacing it with the document entitled “Revised Measures for Collecting Quotas Owed to the Institute,” attached to this Resolution as Appendix I.</p>	<p>the revised measures for collecting quotas owed to IICA, which are still in effect.</p>	
<p>2.5. Resolution 436 “2006-2007 Program Budget,” to recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture: (i) 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; (ii) 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.,” (iii) 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; (iv) authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the</p>	<p>Implemented At its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA adopted Resolution 416, in which it approved the Institute’s 2006-2007 Program Budget.</p>	

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<p>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; and, (v) 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>2.6 Resolution 437 “2006-2007 Special Budget,” to recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture: (i) approve the special budget attached hereto for execution during the 2006-07 biennium in the amount of US\$2,609,000, to be funded by any past-due quotas recovered that belong to the General Subfund; and (ii) 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>Implemented At its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA adopted Resolution 417, in which it approved the version of the 2006-2007 Special Budget recommended by the Executive Committee. The Special Budget is now being executed.</p>	
<p>3. Other Institutional Business</p> <p>3.1 Resolution 438 “Report on the 2005 Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues and Extension of the Commission’s Term,” to accept the Report on the 2005 Meeting of the SACMI; and, (ii) to recommend that the IABA, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, extend the SACMI’s term until the date of its Fourteenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p>Implemented At its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, the IABA adopted Resolution 419, in which it extended the term of the SACMI for the period 2006-2010.</p>	

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<p>3.2 Resolution 439 “2003-2005 <i>Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector</i>,” (i) to bestow: a) the 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Medal on Miguel Holle Osterdart, from Peru; b) the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development on Fresia Enriqueta del Carmen Zuniga Perez, from Chile; c) the 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals on Ximena Rocio Cadima Fuentes, from Bolivia; d) the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development on the Artificial Insemination Center of the Universidad Austral of Chile. (ii) To award the following honorable mentions: a) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Medal: Mr. Nelson Estrada Ramos, from Colombia; b) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development: Mrs. Grace Cereceda Sangster de Cabanilla, from Ecuador; c) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development: Sandals Resort International of St. Lucia. (iii) To thank the Member States for their active and meaningful participation in identifying and nominating a group of outstanding candidates for these awards.</p>	<p>Implemented The Inter-American Awards and honorable mentions were presented by the Chair of the IABA and the Director General of IICA during a special session of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in Guayaquil, Ecuador, on 1 September 2005.</p>	

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<p>3.3 Resolution 440 <i>“Status of the resolutions of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Twenty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee,”</i> (i) to approve the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.” (ii) To express satisfaction with the progress reported in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s Governing Bodies.</p>	<p>Implemented In its Resolution 422, the IABA approved the report on the status of the resolutions adopted at its Twelfth Regular Meeting. It also approved the reports of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.</p>	
<p>3.4 Resolution 441 <i>“Agenda for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA,”</i> (i) to approve the provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, presented in Document IICA/CE/Doc.474 (05); (ii) to thank to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Ecuador, Mr. Hernan Chiriboga Pareja, for his report on preparations for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the context of the Summit of the Americas process.</p>	<p>Implemented The Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA took place in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and followed the agenda approved by the Executive Committee.</p>	

STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General Information

IICA's Executive Committee held its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting 27-28 September 2006, in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Executive Committee was composed of the following Member States: Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay Trinidad & Tobago and Uruguay. Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Peru and United States of America also took part. The Czech Republic, Germany and Israel participated in their capacity as Permanent Observers.

Mr. Roman Solera, Representative of the Government of Costa Rica, served as the Chair of the Executive Committee and Mr. Erick Fidel Santamaria, Representative of the Government of Panama, as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2006 Executive Committee

RESOLUTION AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
1. Institutional Policy and Cooperation Services		
1.1 Resolution 443, "2005 IICA Annual Report" To approve the 2005 IICA Annual Report.	Resolution implemented	
1.2 Resolution 444, "IICA 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan" (i) To approve the version of the 2006-2010 IICA Medium-Term Plan which contains the recommendations made by the Special Working Group as the guiding framework for the Institute's actions during the period under reference	Operative Paragraph (i). Implemented	

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<p>(ii) To instruct the Director General to take an active role in encouraging the permanent observers, third countries, enterprises, foundations, funding agencies, associate countries with which IICA has signed cooperation agreements, and other donors to make contributions to strengthen the Special</p> <p>(iii) Funds and thereby support the execution of the strategic priorities included in the 2006-2010 MTP; (iii) To urge Member States to make voluntary contributions, above and beyond their quota contributions to the Institute, to strengthen those Special Funds; and,</p> <p>(iv) To express its satisfaction with the broad participation promoted in Member States during the process of preparing the 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph (ii): Implementation ongoing. IICA, mainly through the Committee for the Coordination of Strategic Partnerships, the Directorate of Strategic Partnerships and the Directorate of External Financing and Investment Projects, has been promoting, with IFAD, joint efforts in the Caribbean, Central and Andean regions, but especially in the Caribbean Region. Preparations are also well in hand for an IICA-IFAD joint workshop at Headquarters aimed at reaching agreement on joint work in the regions mentioned in 2007.</p> <p>IICA is involved in talks with the IDB with a view to the Institute playing an active part in the implementation of the “Building Opportunities for the Majority Initiative (BOMI). A proposal is being prepared under which the two institutions would form a strategic partnership. The Director General sent a note to the Director of the IDB expressing IICA’s interest in such a partnership.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (iii). Implementation pending</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (iv). Implemented</p>	<p>The joint work of IICA and the IDB will focus on the rural sector and involve actions to alleviate poverty, enhance competitiveness, increase the IDB’s loans for rural areas, implement innovation programs for the majority, build capacity and make the IDB’s BOMI network more effective.</p> <p>No additional contributions have been obtained from the Member States.</p>

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<p>1.3 Resolution 445 <i>“Approval of the Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program”</i></p> <p>(i) To approve the proposed Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program (Final Proposal) and instruct the Director General to implement the version of the Program contained in document IICA/CE/Doc.480(06) “Hemispheric Biotechnology and Biosafety Program;”</p> <p>(ii) To accept the recommendations made by the SACMI at its 2006 Regular Meeting and instruct the Director General to consider them an integral part of the strategy for implementation of the Final Proposal; and,</p> <p>(iii) To instruct the Director General to include in the proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget, and in the proposal for the use of the resources generated through the collection of quota arrearages, the resources required for implementation of the Final Proposal.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (i). Implemented. Implementation of the Program is ongoing.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (ii). Implemented. The SACMI’s recommendations are being taken into account in implementing the Program and form part of the current strategy.</p>	

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	<p>Operative Paragraph (iii). Implemented. In the proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget, which will be submitted for consideration by the Fourteenth-Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, US\$316,800 of regular resources were allocated each year for the execution of the Hemispheric Program on Biotechnology and Biosafety.</p> <p>A progress report on the execution of this program was presented to the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee adopted Resolution 464, in which it reiterated its support for the implementation of the Hemispheric Program on Biotechnology and Biosafety.</p>	
<p>1.4 Resolution 446 “<i>Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels</i>”</p> <p>(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);</p> <p>(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;</p>	<p>Implementation of resolution ongoing</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (i). Implemented</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (ii). Implementation ongoing</p>	

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<p>(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,</p> <p>(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>	<p>Operative Paragraph (iii). Implemented During the meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI), the Director General presented a proposal setting out the actions planned for the period 2008-2010. The SACMI recommended that the proposal be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 461, approved the proposal concerning the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels for the period 2008-2010.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (iv). Implementation pending</p>	<p>The proposal approved was uploaded to the Online System of the Executive Committee; it is to be found in the section containing the working documents.</p> <p>So far, no contributions have been obtained from the Member States.</p>

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<p>1.5 Resolution 447 “<i>Assessment of IICA’s Technical Capabilities</i>”</p> <p>(i) To instruct the Director General to support and coordinate the assessment of the technical capabilities of IICA’s personnel, with the assistance of external experts, pursuant to the terms of reference contained in Annex A of the present Resolution, and the additional guidelines contained in Annex B. The assessment is to be presented to the Member States and considered by the Executive Committee before the end of the first half of 2007; (ii) To thank the United States of America and Mexico for their special contributions as support in conducting the assessment; and, (iii) To encourage the other Member States, the Associate States and the Permanent Observers to contribute financial and other resources with which to conduct the assessment.</p>	<p>Implementation of resolution ongoing. In view of the need to carry out the mandate issued in Resolution 447 within the established time-frame, at the end of January 2007 IICA hired the company <i>Servicios Internacionales de Desarrollo Empresarial</i> (SIDE) to perform the technical assessment of the Institute pursuant to the terms of reference established in Resolution 447 of the Executive Committee and its annexes A and B.</p> <p>The Steering Committee¹ was set up between 19 and 23 February 2007 to oversee the technical assessment.</p> <p>On 24 February 2007, a teleconference was held involving the official delegates of Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama.</p> <p>On March 29, 2007, the members of the Steering Committee, with Mr. Victor Villalobos of Mexico in the chair, met in Miami to study the progress made in assessing the Institute’s technical capabilities and orient the process.</p> <p>The assessment of the technical capabilities was presented to the Member States and studied by the Executive Committee at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, held 15-17 May 2007.</p>	

¹ The Committee is made up of delegates from Canada (Mr. Paul Murphy), Mexico (Mr. V. Villalobos), Costa Rica (Mr. R. Sanchez), Panama (Mr. E. F. Santamaria), Paraguay (Ms. C. Galdona), Bolivia (Mr. O. Mendieta) and Belize (Mr. S. Garcia). (The delegate of Argentina, who will represent the CAS, has yet to be appointed). Mr. Don McGlasher, of Jamaica, was appointed for the Caribbean Region.

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	<p>In Resolution 462, the Executive Committee decided to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the report of the firm “<i>Servicios Internacionales para el Desarrollo Empresarial, SIDE, S.A.</i>” on the progress made in assessing the technical capabilities of IICA’s personnel and to thank the firm and the Steering Committee for their efforts. 2. Instruct the Chairman of the Executive Committee to send all the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States a letter, enclosing the report and an executive summary prepared by the consulting firm, and asking them to forward their comments and observations to the Director General by 30 September 2007 at the latest. 3. Hold a special meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) in the last quarter of 2007. 4. Extend the life of the Steering Committee through the next meeting of the SACMI. 5. Ask the Director General to designate the officials who, with the collaboration of the Steering Committee, will prepare an analysis of the report, including prioritized recommendations based on the five criteria suggested by the Director General at this meeting of the Executive Committee; and, to present the analysis as a working document 	

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	<p>of the special meeting of the SACMI.</p> <p>6. Instruct the SACMI, at the special meeting that will be held in the last quarter of 2007, to prepare a proposal for taking the overhaul of the Institute to a new level, taking into account the observations of the Member States and the analysis carried out by the General Directorate. The proposal shall be presented to the Executive Committee in 2008 and to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) in 2009.</p>	
<p>1.6 Resolution 448 “The IICA Office in Spain”</p> <p>(i) To instruct the Director General to expand the operations of the Office in Spain to develop more beneficial relations between IICA and its Strategic Parties and to assign an additional US\$75,000 from available sources, including collections of quotas from prior years, for that purpose; and, (ii) To request that the Director General present to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, for review and eventual presentation to the next Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, a more detailed report on the options for the future of the Office, which shall include, among others, a more detailed evaluation of the possibilities of developing closer and more productive relations with its European strategic partners, an analysis of the additional benefits which may be obtained as a result of expansion of the operations of the Office, and the identification of likely sources of financing for</p>	<p>Implementation of resolution ongoing</p> <p>The process of preparing project profiles is under way, with an eye to finding partners and/or donors in Spain. Two project profiles have been prepared for each of the 10 priority countries (El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Haiti).</p> <p>With support from the respective ministers of agriculture of the Member States and organizations in Spain, the profiles are being submitted to the potential sources of funding identified.</p> <p>IICA’s relations with ENESA were consolidated with regard to agricultural insurance.</p> <p>The AECI has pledged its support for the execution of the IICA/PROMECAFE/AECI project “Strengthening the Central American</p>	

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Office maintenance and expansion, other than the Regular Program Budget of the Institute.	coffee sector through the recognition of geographical indications and designations of origin,” and plans to grant funding of US\$1.7 million. CIRAD (France) is also participating in this project.	
<p>2. Budgetary and Financial Matters</p> <p>2.1 Resolution 449 “2005 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors” To approve the 2005 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>2.2 Resolution 450 “Twelfth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)” (i) To approve the Twelfth Annual Report of the ARC; (ii) To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations set forth in said report; and, (iii) To thank the members of the ARC for the effective work accomplished.</p>	Resolution Implemented	
<p>2.3 Resolution 451 “Progress in collecting quotas owed to IICA as of August 31, 2006” (i) To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and other high-level officials in the Member States for their efforts to ensure that their countries are up to date in the payment of quotas owed to IICA; (ii) To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures adopted by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to pay their quotas to the Institute; and, (iii) To instruct the Director</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The Director General presented to the 2007 meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) an up-to-date report on the collection of quota arrearages, which showed that the Member States had made significant progress in meeting their outstanding financial obligations to IICA.</p> <p>The amount owed to IICA fell from US\$17.5 million at the end of 2003 to US\$12.3 million at</p>	

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<p>General to continue efforts to collect overdue quotas and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>	<p>the end of 2006. The General Directorate presented to the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on the progress made in collecting quotas owed to the Institute as of 30 April 2007. The Executive Committee approved the report in its Resolution 469.</p>	
<p>2.4 Resolution 452 <i>“Allocation of the Resources of the 2007 Program Budget”</i></p> <p>(i) To approve the detailed allocation to the Regular Fund of the 2007 Program Budget of the Institute, in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters, strategic priorities, scopes of action and major objects of expenditure detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.486(06) “Proposed 2007 Program Budget,” which is summarized by Chapter in the “Single Annex” attached to the present resolution;</p> <p>(ii) To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the 2007 Program Budget, provided that the total transfers neither increase nor reduce the affected Chapter by more than 10%, and do not substantially affect the priorities approved;</p> <p>(iii) To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, in the event that the combined</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented The document “IICA/CE/Doc.486(06) 2007 Program-Budget, Annexes II,” was prepared and made available to the Member States on the Institute’s website. It sets out the institution’s objectives and actions for the components related to the repositioning of agriculture and rural life and the renewal of its institutional framework, and direct technical cooperation; expected results and performance indicators by Operating Unit for 2007; and, the breakdown of each major object expenditure of the Regular Fund included in the 2007 Program Budget.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (ii). Provision in effect</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (iii). Provision in effect</p>	

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<p>income for fiscal year 2007 falls below estimated levels for that year. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation;</p> <p>(iv) To instruct the Director General to provide Member States with the following information during the month of January 2007: a) an annex with additional information on objectives, results and indicators; b) brief texts explaining objects of expenditure, such as publications, contained in tables included in the Program Budget; and,</p> <p>(v) To include this additional information in future Program Budgets.</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph (iv). Implemented. The document to which the Operative Paragraph refers was made available to the Member States on 16 February 2007 (the Member States were informed in communication SC/DG-170).</p> <p>Operative Paragraph (v). Implemented. The proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget that the Director General submitted to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting for approval contains all the information called for in this resolution.</p>	
<p>3. Advisory Assistance with Institutional Management Matters</p> <p>Resolution 453 <i>“Report of the 2006 Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission On Management Issues”</i> recommends that the SACMI’s report on its 2006 Regular Meeting be approved.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>4. Rules and Regulations</p> <p>4.1 Resolution 454 “<i>Amendments to the Staff Rules concerning the Annual Disclosure Statement and Leaves of Absence for Training</i>” recommends that the amendments to IICA’s Staff Rules contained in Appendix A be approved.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	
<p>4.2 Resolution 455 “<i>Amendments to Articles 73, 96 and 97 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and Articles 65, 87 and 88 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</i>”</p> <p>(i) To amend articles 73, 96 and 97 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented</p>	<p>Articles 73, 96 and 97 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and 65, 87 and 88 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, amended in accordance with this resolution, will be presented for ratification by the IABA at its Fourteenth Regular Meeting, due to be held in Antigua, Guatemala in the last week of July 2007.</p>
<p>4.3 Resolution 456 “<i>System for Determining and Reviewing the Salary of the Director General</i>”</p> <p>(i) That the Director of Human Resources should engage the services of an external auditor to conduct an analysis as to whether the current compensation package for the position of Director General is sufficiently competitive to attract high-quality candidates for the next election for the position and, if not, what adjustments to the package should be made to make it so. This analysis is to be completed by April 2007; (ii) That the analysis of the external auditor should, first, be reviewed by the Audit Review Committee (ARC) and, following that review, submitted to the</p>	<p>Implementation of the resolution is ongoing</p> <p>Four consulting firms were invited to take part in the bidding process to carry out the analysis called for in Resolution 456. Three of them submitted proposals.</p> <p>After the proposals had been evaluated, Deloitte & Touche were hired to carry out the analysis.</p> <p>When the external audit firm submits its report, the members of the ARC will study it and draft recommendations so that the Executive Committee can take the appropriate decisions.</p>	

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<p>Executive Committee at its meeting in 2007; and, (iii) That, based on its review of the analysis of the external auditor and the comments of the ARC, the Executive Committee should make a recommendation to the IABA for consideration at its meeting in 2007, as to what, if any, adjustments to the compensation package for the position of Director General should be made, retroactive to December 31, 2006.</p>	<p>The members of the ARC informed the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of progress made in conducting the analysis requested. The Executive Committee made no decision on the matter at the time, but approved Resolution No. 478, which set out the procedure to be followed.</p>	
<p>5. IICA's Governing Bodies</p> <p>5.1. Resolution 457 <i>“Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Twenty-Fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>(i) To accept the reports: “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee;” and, (ii) To express satisfaction with the progress reported in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies referred to in point 1 above.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	
<p>5.2 Resolution 458 <i>“Date and Site of the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>(i) To hold the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica; and, (ii)</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee took place 15-17 May 2007 at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa</p>	

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<p>To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation to the Member States to participate in the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p>Rica. The 12 Member States that make up the Executive Committee in 2007 are: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela. The Director General convened the meeting, which was held on May 15-17, 2007, at IICA Headquarters and approved 22 resolutions.</p>	

STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

II. General Information

The Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on May 15-17, 2007. The Committee comprised representatives of: Brazil, Canada, Dominica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago. Observer Member States in attendance were: Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, United States of America and Uruguay. Germany, Israel and the Czech Republic attended as Permanent Observers.

The Chairman and Rapporteur of the Committee were Mr. Paul Murphy, Representative of Canada, and Mr. Victor Villalobos, Representative of Mexico, respectively.

II. Status of the Resolutions adopted by the 2007 Executive Committee

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1. Institutional Policy and Cooperation Services		
1.1 Resolution No. 459 “2006 IICA Annual Report” To approve the 2006 IICA Annual Report.	Resolution implemented	
1.2. Resolution No. 460 “Status of the 2006-2010 Medium Term Plan” To receive with satisfaction the report presented by the General Directorate on activities accomplished and under way in the process for implementation of the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan.	Resolution implemented	
1.3. Resolution No. 461 “Approval of the 2008-2010 Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels”		

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<p>1. To approve the proposed 2008-2010 Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels and to instruct the Director General to implement the version contained in document IICA/CE/Doc.504, "Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels."</p> <p>2. To establish that the Program should be financed with regular resources allocated for it in the 2008-2009 Program Budget.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to include in the 2010 Program Budget the financial resources required to carry out activities under the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels.</p> <p>4. To recommend that the IABA urge the Member States to make voluntary financial contributions to IICA with which to fund studies, projects and priority horizontal cooperation actions to be carried out under the Program.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Pending implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Pending implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph 4: Pending implementation</p>	<p>Resources for execution of the program have been allocated in the proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget, which the General Directorate has submitted to the XIV Regular Meeting of the IABA for consideration.</p> <p>This provision will be implemented in 2009 when the General Directorate prepares the 2010-2011 Program Budget.</p> <p>Resources have not been received from the Member States to contribute to the execution of this program.</p>

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<p>1.4 Resolution No. 462 “Status of the assessment of technical expertise at IICA”</p> <p>1.To accept the report on the status of the assessment of the technical expertise of IICA’s personnel prepared by the consulting firm “Servicios Internacionales para el Desarrollo Empresarial SIDE. S.A,” and to thank the firm and the Steering Committee for the work accomplished.</p> <p>2.To entrust the Chairman of the Executive Committee with addressing a letter to all of the Ministers of Agriculture of Member States forwarding the report and an executive summary prepared by the consulting firm and asking them to send their comments and observations to the Director General by August 31, 2007.</p> <p>3.To hold a special meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) in the last quarter of 2007.</p> <p>4. To extend the term of the Steering Committee until the next meeting of the SACMI</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Pending implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph 4: Implemented</p>	<p>The Member States are to send their observations on both documents to IICA Headquarters by the deadline.</p> <p>The meeting will be convened by the Director General in compliance with this provision.</p> <p>The Steering Committee is operating normally.</p>

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<p>5. To request that the Director General appoint the staff members who, in cooperation with the Steering Committee, will prepare an analysis of the report, which should prioritize the recommendations on the basis of the five criteria identified by the Director General at this Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and that this analysis be presented as a working document for the special meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 5: Being implemented</p>	<p>(i) The Director General appointed the IICA staff members who are working with the Steering Committee.</p> <p>(ii) The analysis of the report will be submitted as a working document for the special meeting of the SACMI</p> <p>(iii) The Chair of the XXVII Meeting of the Executive Committee will present to the XIV Regular Meeting of the IABA a progress report on actions taken to comply with Executive Committee Resolution No. 462.</p>
<p>6. To entrust the SACMI with preparing, at the special meeting to be held in the last quarter of 2007, a proposal for further reform in the Institute, taking into account the comments of the Member States and the analysis carried out by the General Directorate. That proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee in 2008 and to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) in 2009.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 6: Pending implementation</p>	<p>This provision will be implemented in the fourth quarter of 2007.</p>

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<p>1.5 Resolution No. 463 “Strengthening of the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (FONTAGRO)”</p> <p>1. To receive with satisfaction the report of FONTAGRO promoted jointly by the participating countries, with the support of IICA and the IDB.</p> <p>2. To request that the Director General make that report available to all Member States of the Institute before the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, to be held in Antigua, Guatemala.</p> <p>3. To recognize the importance of strengthening FONTAGRO and to urge the Member States of IICA that are not yet part of that Fund to consider the possibility of joining that mechanism, in order to participate in a united effort for the development and adoption of technologies and share experiences.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Implemented The Director General sent the report, along with Executive Committee Resolution No. 463, to the Ministers of Agriculture of the 34 Member States on July 28, 2007.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Pending implementation</p>	<p>IICA member countries that are not members of FONTAGRO must make the respective decision.²</p>

² At present, 14 countries are members of FONTAGRO: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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<p>1.6 Resolution No. 464 “Follow-up to the Biotechnology and Biosafety Program”</p> <p>1. To approve, and express its satisfaction with, the report on the progress made in implementing the Biotechnology and Biosafety Program presented by the General Directorate.</p> <p>2. To endorse the efforts that the General Directorate has been making to forge strategic partnerships and obtain financial and technical contributions intended to help consolidate the program/</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Decision approved for implementation</p>	
<p>1.7 Resolution No. 465 “2006 financial statements of IICA and report of the external auditors”</p> <p>To approve the 2006 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	
<p>1.8 Resolution No. 466 “Thirteenth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee”</p> <p>1. To approve the Thirteenth Annual Report of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations set forth in the Thirteenth Report of the ARC.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Being implemented</p>	

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<p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the effective work accomplished.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 3: Implemented A copy of Resolution No. 466, thanking them for their outstanding work, was sent to the members of the ARC.</p>	
<p>1.9 Resolution No. 467 “Election of a member of the Audit Review Committee”</p> <p>1. To elect Mr. Tracy Lapoint to occupy the position of member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by the major contributors among Member States for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and concluding on December 31, 2013.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented</p>	
<p>1.10 Resolution No. 468 “Vote of thanks to Mr. Raymond Poland”</p> <p>1. To thank the Government of the United States for the support provided by Mr. Raymond Poland during the period in which he was a member of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge and express appreciation for the excellent and dedicated performance of Mr. Poland and his significant contribution to the administrative and financial betterment of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The Director General sent a copy of Resolution 468, which expresses the Executive Committee’s appreciation for his support, to the government of the United States of America.</p> <p>The Director General sent a copy of Resolution 468, which expresses the Executive Committee’s appreciation for his work as a member of the ARC, to Mr. Raymond Poland/</p>	

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<p>1.11 Resolution No. 469 “Progress in collecting quotas owed to IICA as of May 15, 2007”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and other high-level government officials in the Member States of IICA for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute. 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 quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years. 3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area. 4. To urge Member States to keep up to date with their quota payments to the Institute and to fulfill the terms of the payment plans agreed to for payment of quotas for previous years. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Decision approved for implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph 3: Being implemented A report on progress in the collection of quotas owed to the Institute as of June 8, 2007, is available on the on-line system of the IABA.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 4: Decision approved for implementation</p>	

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<p>1.12 Resolution No. 470 “Appointment of external auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2008-2009 biennium”</p> <p>To appoint the firm of Deloitte and Touche as the External Auditors for the Institute and CATIE for the 2008-2009 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for a period of up to two years..</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The General Directorate has informed Deloitte and Touche of the Executive Committee’s decision.</p>	
<p>1.13 Resolution No. 471 “2008-2009 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the amount of US\$ 31,267,572 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation for the 2008-2009 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,167,572.00 per year and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$4,100,000 per year, consisting of US\$3,600,000 in expected income per year and up to US\$1,000,000 from the Miscellaneous Income Fund: US\$500,000 for each year of the biennium. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>The proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget contains all the recommendations put forth at the Twenty-seventh meeting of the Executive Committee. The amended document has been submitted to the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA for consideration.</p>	

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<p>2. Approve the use of resources from the 2008-2009 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, strategic priorities, scopes of action and major objects of expenditure detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.503 “Proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached as Appendix A to this resolution.</p> <p>3. Authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the 2008-2009 Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than 10 per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. 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 2008 and 2009 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>		

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<p>1.14. Resolution No. 472 “Quota scale for financing the 2008-2009 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pending the decision on the 2008 OAS quotas scale by the Thirty-seventh Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly, to maintain for 2008 the current IICA quota scale. 2. Based on the ongoing discussions at the OAS regarding the 2009 quota scale the Member States should make the corresponding consultations. 3. The Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues (SACMI) should make a recommendation to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee for adoption of the 2009 quota scale in accordance with the IICA Convention and applicable rules of procedures. 	<p>Resolution pending implementation</p>	<p>The OAS General Assembly, meeting in Panama on June 3-5, 2007, did not reach agreement on its quota scale for 2009.</p> <p>A decision on this important matter is expected from the OAS during the third quarter of this year.</p>
<p>1.15 Resolution No. 473 “Report of the 2007 meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2007 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>1.16 Resolution No. 474 “Status of the resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>1. To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”; and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p> <p>2. To express satisfaction with the progress reported in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies referred to in operative paragraph 1 above.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	
<p>1.17 Resolution No. 475 “2006-2007 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector”</p> <p>1. To grant the:</p> <p>a. Inter-American Agricultural Medal for 2006 to Jorge Leon Arguedas from Costa Rica;</p> <p>b. Inter-American Agricultural Medal for 2007 to Egbert Miller from Jamaica;</p> <p>c. Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development for 2006-2007 to Mayra Roxana Falck Reyes from Honduras;</p> <p>d. Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development for 2006-2007 to the <i>Fundación Hondureña de Investigación Agrícola (FHIA)</i></p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>The winners have received letters from the Director General. All will be present on July 27, 2007, in Antigua, Guatemala.</p> <p>Those granted honorable mentions have also been notified.</p> <p>The awards ceremony is scheduled for the closing session of the IABA meeting in Antigua, Guatemala.</p>	<p>Still pending:</p> <p>a) For the Chairman, in representation of the 34 Member States, to present the awards during the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>b) To implement the recommendations of the Executive Committee, which call for IICA to improve the procedures for selecting candidates at the national level, and to continue efforts to enhance the prestige of these awards as recognition by the 34 Member States of IICA of individuals and institutions that</p>

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<p>(Honduran Agricultural Research Foundation).</p> <p>2. To declare the Inter-American Award for Young Professionals void for 2006-2007.</p> <p>3. To grant the following honorable mentions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals for 2006-2007: to Luke Lee from Jamaica;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals for 2006-2007: to Carlos Maria Arrechea Ortiz from Paraguay;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. The Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development for 2006-2007: to Rosita Benitez Portillo from Paraguay.</p> <p>4. To thank Member States for their active and significant participation in the process for identifying and nominating an outstanding group of candidates to receive the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector.</p> <p>5. To instruct the Director General to organize the awards ceremony within the framework of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture.</p>		<p>have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and rural life in the Americas.</p>

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<p>1.18 Resolution No. 476 “Date and site of the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To hold the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2008. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation to the Member States to participate in the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect. 	<p>Operative paragraph 1: Decision approved for implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Pending implementation</p>	<p>The General Directorate will comply with this provision during the first quarter of 2008.</p>
<p>1.19 Resolution No. 478 “System for determining the compensation of the Director General”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To urge the External Auditor to proceed towards completion of its study in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines established by the ARC, within a timeframe which permits the ARC to provide its observations and recommendations to the SACMI prior to its next meeting. To request that the ARC review the External Auditor’s study on the Director General’s compensation and send its observations and recommendations to the members of the SACMI at least forty-five days prior to the SACMI’s next meeting. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Resolution 478 is one of the working documents of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and is available on the on-line system of the IABA.</p>	<p>Compliance with this resolution will be addressed at the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, in Antigua, Guatemala.</p>

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<p>3. To request that the SACMI review the External Auditor's study on the Director General's compensation, together with the observations and recommendations of the ARC, and that it submit its recommendations to the Executive Committee, so that the Executive Committee may make a proposal to the Fifteenth Meeting of the IABA on this issue.</p> <p>4. In considering the SACMI's recommendation, the Executive Committee shall give due regard to making any adjustment in the Director General's compensation retroactive to December 31, 2006.</p>		
<p>1.20 Resolution No. 479 "Proposed amendment of the first clause of the law establishing CATIE"</p> <p>To recommend to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture that it give favorable consideration to the proposed amendment of the Contract between IICA and the Government of Costa Rica establishing the Center, set out in Annex 1, so as to give that Center the power to grant professional credentials and academic degrees.</p>	<p>Resolution pending implementation.</p> <p>IABA working document (Resolution No. 479) is available on the on-line system of the IABA.</p>	<p>The proposed amendment is one of the topics the Member States will discuss at the IABA meeting in Antigua, Guatemala, on July 27.</p>

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<p>1.21. Resolution No. 480 “Strengthening of IICA’s Partnership with the IDB.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To request that the Director General submit for the consideration of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) a proposal for strengthening IICA’s participation as the executing technical arm of agricultural and rural development programs and projects within the framework of the new IDB policy. 2. To endorse the ongoing efforts of the General Directorate to strengthen ties with the IDB and to instruct the Director General to present a report on the progress made in strengthening those relations to the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph 1: Being implemented</p> <p>The document “Proposal for strengthening IICA’s role as an executing agency for agricultural and rural development projects and programs within the framework of the new IDB policy” is available on the on-line system of the IABA.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Pending implementation</p>	