

**RESOLUTION No. 490**

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY  
COMMISSION ON MANAGEMENT ISSUES (SACMI)**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Documents IICA/CE/Doc.519(08) "Report of the Special Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues on the Assessment of Technical Expertise at the Institute" and IICA/CE/Doc.525(08) "Progress with the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA",

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.430(XIV-O/07), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) instructed the Director General to draw up and institute a plan of action for implementing the recommendations of the Report on the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA, based on the observations and comments received from all Member States on that Report;

That under that same Resolution, the IABA instructed the Director General to present to the meetings of the SACMI a progress report on the implementation of that plan of action;

That, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, held from September 27-28, 2006, the Executive Committee formed a steering committee to follow up on the assessment of technical expertise at the Institute and that that steering committee held several meetings and produced proposals for moving forward with the implementation of the recommendations of that external assessment;

That the Director General presented to the Special Meeting of the SACMI a report on progress achieved by the Institute in implementing the recommendations of the external assessment that do not require decision by the Executive Committee and the IABA or the allocation of additional resources; and

That this process will enhance the modernization of the Institute and its efficiency in facing the challenges confronted by its member countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the SACMI and the members of the Steering Committee for the work accomplished.
2. To approve the recommendations for improving technical expertise at IICA contained in the Report of the Special Meeting of the SACMI, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on April 22, 2008.
3. To instruct the General Directorate to: (i) continue to implement the recommendations of the SACMI that do not require additional resources; (ii) continue to provide the necessary support for the operations of the Steering Committee; and (iii) include in the proposed Program Budget for 2010-2011 the necessary financial resources for implementing the provisions of operative paragraph 2 of this resolution and thus give continuity to the work of the Steering Committee.
4. To expand the Steering Committee to include Brazil, Chile and the United States of America.