

RESOLUTION No. 512

**DONATION OF A PLOT OF LAND IN TURRIALBA FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.554(09), “Report on the request for the donation of a plot of land for the construction of a hospital in the city of Turrialba”,

CONSIDERING:

That IICA’s assets currently include land situated in Turrialba given to CATIE in usufruct under the terms of the Law establishing CATIE, which is an agreement between the Republic of Costa Rica and IICA;

That the Board of Directors of the Board of Health of the William Allen Taylor Hospital in Turrialba, with the support of lawmakers of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, the Minister of Agriculture of Costa Rica and the Executive President of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund, have asked IICA and CATIE to donate five hectares of land identified in Document IICA/CE/Doc.554(09) (the land requested) for the construction of a new hospital/medical center for the Municipality of Turrialba and neighboring areas;

That any decision to donate, sell or transfer to third parties, in permanent usufruct or for lengthy periods, rights to land owned by IICA that forms part of the Institute’s assets must be taken by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture;

That the Board of Directors of CATIE has stated that it is willing to support any decision that IICA takes to donate the land requested for the construction of the new hospital/medical center in Turrialba, bearing in mind that the land in question is not essential for CATIE to carry out its activities;

That the land requested is the most suitable in Turrialba for the construction of a modern hospital/medical center, that the significant growth of the population of Turrialba in recent years has created an urgent need to expand the infrastructure and health services, that the current hospital of Turrialba has always served the CATIE community and that the donation of the land requested for such extremely humanitarian use is consistent with IICA and CATIE's commitment to the development of needy and vulnerable communities;

That the Member States sitting on the Executive Committee have raised no objections to the proposed transfer of the land requested to the Municipality of Turrialba for the construction of the new hospital/medical center,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture:

- (1) Approve the transfer of the five hectares of land to the entity indicated by the Government of Costa Rica, in permanent usufruct, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. That the land is to be used exclusively to construct and operate a public hospital/medical center for the population of Turrialba and neighboring areas; and
 - b. That the usufruct arrangement will cease and the land will revert to IICA if the land requested is used for purposes other than those specified in subparagraph "a." above and/or the hospital/medical center is not constructed and operational within five years of the date on which the rights to the use of land are transferred.

- (2) Instruct the Director General, in his capacity as the legal representative of the Institute, to take the actions necessary to execute the approved transfer of rights.