

RESOLUTION No. 532

IICA-CATIE

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirtieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation made by the Director General of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on progress in implementing the current IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program,

CONSIDERING:

That CATIE was established under an agreement between the Government of Costa Rica and IICA, signed in July 1973;

That CATIE's mission is to improve human well-being and reduce rural poverty, through education, research and technical cooperation, promoting the sustainable management of agriculture and natural resources, which is fully compatible with the mission of IICA;

That concerted, joint action by IICA and CATIE will ensure better use of the resources contributed by the Institute's Member States and generate synergies, given the complementarity of the technical and administrative capabilities of the two Institutions; and

That the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) is the highest-level governing body of both IICA and CATIE, and designates as Representative on the Governing Council of CATIE,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to take place in 2011, a 2011-2014 program for joint action that includes projects in high-priority areas identified in the IICA 2010-2014 Medium-Term Plan that will effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Institute's Member States.

2. To urge the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to strengthen the technical and administrative mechanisms for joint efforts in the Member States with a view to strengthening and expanding joint actions.
3. To stipulate that, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee shall propose to the IABA that the latter's Representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, in carrying out his mandate, should ensure that the joint work with IICA is strengthened and, especially, that the provisions of the present resolution are complied with.