

RESOLUTION No. 548

STRENGTHENING IICA'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting,

HAVING HEARD:

The presentation made by the Director General and the dialogue among the members of the Executive Committee on the importance of strengthening IICA's strategic partnerships as support for the efforts of the Member States, aimed at agricultural and rural development,

CONSIDERING:

That IICA, in order to accomplish its mission and support the Member States in their efforts to make their agricultural sectors competitive, sustainable and inclusive, must expand the technical cooperation services it provides and make them more effective;

That IICA currently, with limited resources, is able to respond to approximately 50% of the requests for technical cooperation services received from its Member States;

That, given the need to increase IICA's capacity to strengthen and expand the technical cooperation programs and projects it carries out at the national, regional and hemispheric levels, it is especially important that the Institute promote new partnerships and strengthen existing ones with international and national multilateral technical and financial organizations/institutions that operate at the global, hemispheric and regional levels; and,

That, in this context, it is extremely important that multilateral and regional international financial institutions value, and consequently consider, IICA and its partnerships with other global and regional international technical organizations, as the partner of choice in implementing the programs and projects they finance to promote the development of agriculture in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General aimed at IICA's consolidating strategic partnerships with national and international organizations.

2. To urge the Member States to support and promote IICA as the partner of choice for the implementation of agricultural and rural development programs, through their representatives in the institutions mentioned above and through their embassies in other countries.
3. To ask the Director General:
 - a. To propose to the ministers of agriculture who will be participating in the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture the Americas 2011 that they support the strengthening of the IICA partnerships referred to in the present Resolution.
 - b. To present to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in the establishment and consolidation of strategic partnerships, and underscore the support received from the Members States to ensure the success of this effort.