

RESOLUTION No. 558

**REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT ACTION PROGRAM OF
THE CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
(CARDI) AND IICA**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc. 592 (12), “Director General’s Report on the progress made in strengthening IICA-CARDI relations,”

CONSIDERING:

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 533 (XXX-O/10), the Executive Committee instructed the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) to present, for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, a joint action program, including projects in high-priority areas identified in IICA’s 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan that would effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Institute’s Member States;

That, in the same resolution, the Executive Committee urged CARDI and IICA to reinforce their institutional links and programs for joint action, and instructed the two institutions to establish a committee, chaired by the Executive Director of CARDI and the Director General of IICA, or the officials that they chose to represent them, to program their joint activities each year, and monitor the execution of projects and their contributions;

That IICA and CARDI have made significant progress in establishing more effective mechanisms for joint action, and in identifying and preparing the projects that are being implemented under the above-mentioned joint action program within the framework of the financial constraints facing both institutions; and,

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 552 (XXXI-O/11), the Executive Committee accepted the program and urged IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities and seeking external resources, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the “Director General’s Report on the progress made in strengthening IICA-CARDI relations.”
2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.
3. To urge IICA and CARDI to formulate and implement a proposal to jointly seek external financing as a basis for technical cooperation between the two institutions, that is broader, more active and more beneficial to the member countries of both organizations.

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