

**RESOLUTION No. 559**

**REPORT ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN IICA AND THE CONSULTATIVE  
GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (CGIAR)**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc. 593 (12), "Report on IICA-CGIAR Collaboration,"

CONSIDERING:

That the CGIAR was established to reduce poverty and hunger, improve human health and nutrition, and enhance ecosystem resilience through high-quality international agricultural research, partnership, and leadership;

That the CGIAR is a global partnership of 15 international centers that work on research oriented to the sustainable development of agriculture, and that their activities are financed by developing and industrial countries, foundations and international organizations;

That four of those international centers: the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), and the International Potato Center (CIP) operate in the hemisphere, and that their Directors General held a working meeting with the Director General of IICA on August 25, 2011;

That the CGIAR has operations in more than 200 locations around the world via a network that links thousand of associates at all levels involved in agriculture, natural resource conservation and preservation of the environment;

That CGIAR expenditures amounted to USD572 million in 2009, the single largest investment made to mobilize science for the benefit of the rural poor worldwide; and,

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 553 (XXXI-O/11), the Executive Committee decided to support the proposal of the Director General calling for the strengthening of relations between IICA and the CGIAR by establishing a partnership intended to support the Member States in the development and application of technology

required to make agriculture competitive, sustainable and inclusive; and to request that the Director General keep the Member States informed of progress in and the results of this initiative,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To accept the “Report on IICA-CGIAR Collaboration.”
2. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States of the Institute to provide, in their respective countries and in the integration mechanisms, the support required to reach agreement on, strengthen, and expand joint actions between IICA and the CGIAR at the national and/or regional levels.
3. To support the efforts of the Director General of IICA to consolidate the partnership between IICA and the CGIAR, given its importance in strengthening the technical cooperation provided to the Member States.

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