

RESOLUTION No. 574

**BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CARDI) FOR 2011-2012 AND PROGRESS
OF THE IICA-CARDI PROGRAM FOR JOINT ACTION**

The Executive Committee, at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation made by the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the report of its activities during the 2011-2012 biennium, and the presentation by the Directorate of Management and Regional Integration of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) on the progress of the IICA-CARDI Joint Program for Action,

CONSIDERING:

That, under the terms of the agreement currently in force between IICA and CARDI, the latter organization must submit an annual report of its activities;

That, by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 440 (XIV-O/07), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) delegated to the Executive Committee responsibility for receiving and analyzing CARDI's reports and plans and requested that, in future, the Executive Director of that Institute forward directly to the General Directorate of IICA the version of CARDI's biennial report and plans accepted by the Executive Committee;

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 533 (XXX-O/10), the Executive Committee instructed the Director General of IICA and the Executive Director of CARDI to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2011, a program for joint action including projects in high-priority areas identified in the 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan of IICA that would effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Institute's Member States; and

That, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 552 (XXXI-O/11), the Executive Committee accepted the "IICA-CARDI 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action,"

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report on the activities implemented by CARDI during the 2011-2012 biennium and to thank CARDI for its presentation.
2. To accept the progress report on the activities of the IICA-CARDI Program for Joint Action.
3. 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 that the two institutions make in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.