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RESOLUTION No. 362

IICA's INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

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

CONSIDERING:

That in the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government recognized the importance of agriculture as a way of life for millions of rural inhabitants, and as a matter of strategic importance for national development;

That the Plan of Action of the Third Summit acknowledged IICA's efforts and included the Institute as a partner institution in all stages of the Summit of the Americas process, together with the Organization of American States ("OAS"), the Inter-American Development Bank ("IDB"), the Pan American Health Organization ("PAHO"), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean ("ECLAC") and the World Bank;

That in the Declaration of Bavaro, the Ministers of Agriculture underscored the importance of improving food security and reducing poverty;

That the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan ("MTP"), approved by the Executive Committee, takes into account the views of the highest political authorities in the hemisphere, defines a new vision that reflects the challenges of the twenty-first century, and attaches priority to transforming the Institute into a development organization;

That in response to the challenges presented in the MTP, the Declaration of Bavaro, and the Summit process, the Director General is actively promoting: (i) a renewed style of technical cooperation; (ii) a renewed partnership with the Member States and strategic partners; and (iii) the transformation of the Institute into an organization characterized by its modern, results-based management approach, its focus on people, and its commitment to the future,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the efforts of the General Directorate, within the framework of the existing Convention, to transform the Institute into an effective organization for development that promotes prosperity in rural communities, food security and the sustainable development of agriculture in the Americas.
2. To instruct the Director General to prepare and present, for the consideration of the Executive Committee, at its next Regular Meeting:
 - a. A document outlining a clear strategy for achieving the institutional transformation already begun.
 - b. The amendments to the rules and regulations of the Institute necessary for implementing that strategy that require either the approval of the Executive Committee or of the IABA.