



Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting
of the Executive Committee**

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I. General Information

The Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 15-16 July 2015. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Jamaica, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela¹.

Mr. Jose Alpuche, Executive Director of Agriculture of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Agriculture of Belize, served as the Chair of the meeting, and Mrs. María de Lourdes Cruz, Director of International Relations of the Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) of Mexico, serve as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution N.º 594 “2014 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>To approve the 2014 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 595 “Report on the collection of quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.3. To instruct the Director General to: (a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2015 and those owed for previous years; and, (b) keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area.	<p>Resolution being implemented</p>	<p>Letters of appreciation were sent for the quota payments received, in which IICA stressed the importance of those resources.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Institute has endeavored to collect quotas outstanding from previous years, maintaining regular communication with the countries in question.</p> <p>Member States will be informed of the status of the collection of quota contributions at the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to be held in August 2016.</p>

¹ The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution No. 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 23-24 July 2003.

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<p>4. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</p>		
<p>Resolution N.º 596 “2014 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-first Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To accept the 2014 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General to submit them to the consideration of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the Twenty-first Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution N.º 597 “2016-2017 Program Budget ”</p> <p>1. To acknowledge that the new model of the Program Budget is clearly consistent with the institutional strategic framework established in the 2014-2018 MTP approved by the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p> <p>2. Recommend that the IABA:</p> <p>i. Consider a 6.57% increase in the quota budget that would make it possible to recover the USD3,600,000 in resources from the Miscellaneous Income Fund that will be lost over the biennium, as shown in Annex A.</p> <p>ii. Express appreciation for the voluntary over-quota contributions pledged by the Member States to complete the amount required to maintain an operating level at least similar to that of 2015.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The 2016-2017 Program Budget was approved by the IABA via Resolution No.493 at its Eighteenth Regular Meeting held in Cancun, Riviera Maya, Mexico, from October 19 to 23, 2015.</p>

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<p>iii. Approve the 2016-2017 Expenditure Budget in accordance with the income estimated and the allocations established in Document IICA/CE/DT-641 (15) “2016-2017 Program Budget Rev.1” with adjustments as agreed, for each of the chapters indicated in Annex B.</p> <p>iv. Authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than 15% and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>v. Authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of the situation.</p> <p>3. Request that the Director General convene a meeting of the “Friends of the Chair of the Executive Committee” before the next meeting of the IABA, in order to discuss, comprehensively and with a view to the long term, options for strengthening the strategic structure of IICA, including its finances, and to submit a report to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The group met prior to the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and shared its proposals with the Board. The IABA then transferred the mandate of the group to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) and to the Executive Committee for recommendations on the strategic restructuring of the Institute (Resolution No. 501 of the IABA).</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 598 “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To elect Miss Antonette R. Hodge of Saint Kitts and Nevis to occupy the position of the member of the ARC reserved for a candidate nominated by all the Member States, with the exception of the six largest contributors to IICA’s Regular Fund, for a six-year term</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The designation of Miss Hodge as a member of the ARC was announced via memorandum SC/DG-644. Miss Hodge participated in the ARC meeting held in June 2016.</p>

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commencing on January 1, 2016 and concluding on December 31, 2021.		
<p>Resolution N.º 599 “Recognition of the contribution made by Ms. Pamela D.M. Monroe Ellis as a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Government of Jamaica for the support provided by Ms. Monroe Ellis, in her capacity as a member of the ARC. 2. To recognize the excellent, dedicated and professional work of Ms. Monroe Ellis and express its deep gratitude to her for her contributions to the ARC and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute. 	Resolution implemented	IICA acknowledges the sterling work done by Mrs. Pamela D.M. Monroe, whom the Executive Committee elected for a six-year term at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting. Mrs. Monroe’s term ran from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2015.
<p>Resolution N.º 600 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2013-2014”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2013-2014 and thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation. 2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Program for Joint Action, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	No further action required.

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<p>Resolution N.º 601 “Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2013-2014”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the report on the activities implemented by CARDI during the 2013-2014 biennium and to thank CARDI for its presentation. 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. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 602 “Report of the 2015 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2015 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 603 “Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”; and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

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<p>Resolution N.º 604 “Provisional Agenda for the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2015”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the provisional agenda for the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2015, and to thank Mexico for the progress made to date with the organization of the meeting. 2. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with the ministers of agriculture of their respective countries the importance of their presence at these events. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The agenda was approved by the Executive Committee without changes or comments.</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 605 “Date and Venue of the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2016. 2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The meeting will be held from August 23-24, 2016 at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>The Director General sent out the call to meeting to the Member States and other participants on July 6, 2016, as established in the Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>

III. Other resolutions

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<p>Resolution N.º 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt and put into effect immediately, subject to approval by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, the Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA), contained in Appendix A to this Resolution. 2. To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>ICOA’s Bylaws were approved by the IABA on October 30, 2009 by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 455 (XV-O/09).</p> <p>The report of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA) on its activities in 2015 will be presented in information document No. 01 of the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which will take place from August 23 to 24, 2016.</p>
<p>Resolution N.º 572 “IICA Cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To congratulate the MIOA for the report presented to the Executive Committee on the work that, with the support of IICA, has been carried out in the Americas for the benefit of agriculture in 34 of its Member States. 2. To encourage the Ministers of Agriculture of the Institute’s Member States to provide, with the cooperation of MIOA and IICA, the support required to strengthen, modernize and guarantee the sustainability of their national systems responsible for information on agricultural prices and markets. 3. To encourage IICA Member States to: i) undertake the technical and financial strengthening of MIOA as a strategic component for agriculture in the hemisphere, ii) strengthen horizontal cooperation among the countries and regions so that countries with more advanced Market Information Systems (MIS) can effectively support those with less developed systems, and iii) promote international cooperation among the network of member countries of the MIOA. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>The progress report mentioned in operative paragraph no. 4 will be presented at the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held from August 23 to 24, 2016 at IICA Headquarters.</p>

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<p>4. To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p> <p>5. To instruct the Director General to strengthen the Institute's facilitation of Member States' collaboration in order to achieve sustainable, inclusive and innovative means of collecting, processing, analyzing and disseminating information relating to prices, distribution of agricultural products, imports and exports.</p>		