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I. General Information

The Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on July 14-16, 2009. The Members States that comprised the Executive Committee were: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, United States of America, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines¹. The following Observer Members States also participated: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago. Participating as Permanent Observers were Germany, France, Israel and Italy.

The meeting was chaired Mr. Mario Roberto Aldana Perez, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food and Representative of Guatemala, accompanied by Mr. Salvador Jimenez, Secretary of State for Agriculture and Representative of the Dominican Republic, who served a Rapporteur.

II. Status of the Resolutions adopted by the 2009 Executive Committee

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<p>1. Resolution No. 497, “2002-2009 Management Report”</p> <p>To accept the 2002-2009 Management Report and to congratulate the Director General and the staff of the Institute on the work accomplished and their achievements, which were made possible thanks to the support provided by the Member States.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented. The report was approved by the IABA in Resolution No. 443.</p> <p><i>Operative Paragraph Implemented.</i></p>	<p>No action pending</p>

¹ The rotation mechanism for the Member States that sit on the Executive Committee was established in Resolution No. 405, adopted by the Executive Committee at its Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting, held on July 23-24, 2003

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<p>To urge Member States to carry out initiatives for the technical, administrative and financial strengthening of the Institute to ensure that the Institute has the appropriate means with which to fulfill its mandate.</p>	<p><i>Operative Paragraph in effect</i></p>	
<p>2. Resolution No. 498 “2008 Annual Report of IICA” To approve the 2008 IICA Annual Report.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented</i> Resolution No. 498 was posted on the IICA Web Portal on July 28, 2009, and distributed to the units of the Institute in memorandum SC/DG-627, dated July 23 2009.</p>	<p>No action pending.</p>
<p>3. Resolution No. 499 “Strategic Framework of IICA” To congratulate the members of the Steering Committee and the technical staff at IICA on the work accomplished in moving forward with the development of the 2010-2020 Strategic Framework of IICA. To request that the Steering Committee and the Director General: (a) revise the proposed Strategic Framework so that it reflects the opinions, observations and suggestions expressed in this Executive Committee; and (b) submit that revised proposal to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for consideration at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i> Resolution 499 was sent to the Directorate of Technical Leadership and Knowledge Management via memorandum SC/DG-627, dated July 23, 2009. The version of the 2010-2020 Strategic Framework that includes the recommendations of the Executive Committee was approved by the IABA in Resolution No. 444, at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p>The Strategic Framework served as the foundation for preparing both the 2010-2020 Strategic Plan and the 2010-2014 Medium-Term Plan.</p>

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<p>4. Resolution No. 500 “2008 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors”</p> <p>To accept the 2008 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements, and send them to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for its information.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented.</p> <p>Resolution No. 500 was sent to the Finance Division in memorandum SC/DG-629, dated July 23, 2009.</p> <p>The financial statements for 2007 and 2008 were approved by the IABA in Resolution No. 450, on September 14, 2009.</p>	<p>No action pending.</p>
<p>5. Resolution No. 501 “Fifteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To approve the Fifteenth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in that report.</p> <p>To request that all future reports of the ARC contain a list including all of the External Auditor’s most significant recommendations on matters which affect the financial viability and the integrity of the financial information for the year covered by the report, together with any such recommendations from prior years still pending satisfactory resolution. The list shall indicate: (i) the status of implementation for each recommendation; and (ii) the staff member or office responsible for implementation, so that such staff member or office so indicated may be held accountable for its timely implementation.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented.</p> <p>Provision in effect and being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented.</p> <p>Resolution No. 501 was sent to the Finance Division in memorandum SC/DG-630, dated July 23, 2009, with instructions from the Director General that it be implemented in a timely fashion, in accordance with the Resolution.</p> <p>The Finance Division sent Resolution No. 501 to the members of the ARC, Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Mr. Tracy LaPoint and Mrs. Sharman Otley.</p> <p>The IABA, in Resolution No. 451, approved the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports of the ARC.</p>	<p>The operative paragraph was implemented via the preparation of the Sixteenth Report of the ARC, which concluded on May 26, 2010.</p>
<p>6. Resolution No. 502 “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee”</p> <p>To elect Ms. Pamela D. M. Monroe Ellis to occupy</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented.</p> <p>Resolution 502 was sent to the Finance Division in memorandum SC/DG-631 from the Director General,</p>	<p>No action pending.</p>

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<p>the position of member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by all the Member States minus the six largest contributors for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2010 and concluding on December 31, 2015.</p>	<p>dated July 23, 2009, and to Mrs. Pamela Monroe Ellis in letter SC/DG-761, dated August 31, 2009.</p>	
<p>7. Resolution 503 “Progress with the Collection of Quotas Owed to IICA as of June 30, 2009”</p> <p>To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs and 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.</p> <p>To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years, and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented.</i></p> <p>Resolution No. 503 was posted on the IICA Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p><i>Operative Paragraph in effect.</i> The General Directorate will continue to apply these measures, issued by both the Executive Committee and the IABA, in 2010 when working with the national authorities responsible for collecting quotas owed by the Member States to the Institute for that year and prior periods, when applicable.</p> <p><i>Operative Paragraph in effect.</i> The Directorate of Administration and Finance presented an updated report on the collection of Member State quotas, which was approved by the IABA in Resolution No. 452. Also, the progress report on the collection of quotas for 2010, as of August 16, 2010, was posted on the Executive Committee on-line system.</p>	<p>No action pending</p>

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<p>To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their quota contributions to the Institute and follow through with the plans agreed upon with the General Directorate for the payment of quotas owed from previous years.</p>	<p><i>Operative Paragraph in effect.</i> At present, only one Member States has a plan for paying quotas owed from previous years.</p>	
<p>8 Resolution 504 “2010-2011 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture adopt a resolution to:</p> <p>Approve the amount of US\$33,398,239 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation for the 2010-2011 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,298,239 per year, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as Appendix A, and Miscellaneous Income in the amount of US\$6,100,000 per year, consisting of US\$4,100,000 in expected income per year and US\$2,000,000 a year from the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p> <p>Approve the use of resources for the 2010 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.541 (09), entitled “2010-2011 Proposed Program Budget”.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented</i></p> <p>The proposed 2010-2011 Program Budget was approved by the IABA in Resolution No. 453.</p> <p>The detailed allocation of resources for 2010 and an overall figure for 2011 were approved.</p>	<p>No action pending.</p>

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<p>Instruct the Director General to submit to the Executive Committee, at its Thirtieth Regular Meeting, a detailed proposal on the allocation of funds approved for the 2011 Program Budget, consistent with the priorities in the Institute’s new Medium-Term Plan.</p> <p>Authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than ten per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>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 2010 and 2011 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p><i>Operative Paragraph Implemented</i> The proposed detailed allocation of the resources of the Program Budget for 2011 was posted on the Executive Committee on-line system on August 20, 2010.</p> <p><i>Provision in effect</i></p> <p><i>Provision in effect.</i></p>	<p>This authorization has not been used to date</p> <p>To date, adjustments have not been made because 100% of the total amount budgeted for 2010 is expected to be collected.</p>
<p>9 Resolution 505 “Appointment of External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2010-2011 Biennium”</p> <p>To appoint the firm of <i>Deloitte and Touche</i> as external auditors of the Institute and CATIE for the 2010-2011 biennium.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>Resolution No. 505 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>This Resolution was sent to the Finance Division in memorandum SC/DG-635 from the Director General, dated July 23, 2009.</p> <p>The Finance Division informed the firm of Deloitte & Touche.</p>	<p>No action pending</p>

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	The contract between IICA and the firm of Deloitte & Touche was extended for two years.																			
<p>10 Resolution 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented and in effect</p> <p>Resolution No. 506 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The ICOA Secretariat informed the competent authorities in the Member States of the resolution as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="898 824 1539 1380"> <thead> <tr> <th>Memorandum</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Countries</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SC/DG 831</td> <td>16/09/09</td> <td>Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SC/DG 841</td> <td>22/09/09</td> <td>Brazil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SC/DG 883</td> <td>5/10/09</td> <td>Canada</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SC/DG 883</td> <td>13/1009</td> <td>United States</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memorandum SC/DG 1145</td> <td>10/12/09</td> <td>Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica,</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Memorandum	Date	Countries	SC/DG 831	16/09/09	Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.	SC/DG 841	22/09/09	Brazil	SC/DG 883	5/10/09	Canada	SC/DG 883	13/1009	United States	Memorandum SC/DG 1145	10/12/09	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica,	<p>The bylaws are being applied gradually since they were approved by the Executive Committee.</p>
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<p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA</p>			<p>Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia and Suriname.</p>	
<p>11 Resolution 507 “Amendment of the Statute of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To adopt the amendments to the Statute of the SACMI.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to present a copy of this resolution to the IABA, for its information, at its next regular meeting.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented</i></p> <p>Resolution No. 507 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The 2010 Regular Meeting of the SACMI was held in accordance with the amended Statute.</p>			<p>No action pending.</p>
<p>12 Resolution 508 “Report of the Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2009 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>Resolution No. 508 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p>			<p>No action pending.</p>

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<p>13 Resolution 509 “Conferring Appointment and Title of Emeritus”</p> <p>To confer the title of “Emeritus” of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the privileges and prerogatives that that title implies, on Messrs. Enrique Alarcon Millan, Jorge Ardila Vasquez, Roberto Casas Bernada, Mariano Olazabal Balcazar, Sergio Sepulveda Silva and Guillermo Villanueva Tavares.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>The staff members were inducted into the category of personnel emeritus of the Institute.</p> <p>Resolution No. 509 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009 and each staff member was notified by the Director General on July 24, 2009.</p>	<p>No action pending.</p>
<p>14 Resolution 510 “2008-2009 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector”</p> <p>To extend the deadline for nominating candidates for the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector to 15 October 2009.</p> <p>To urge the Member States to submit nominations to the General Directorate of IICA of candidates of sufficient merit for the abovementioned inter-American awards.</p> <p>To convene the Selection Committee during the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) so that it can study the nominations and make the corresponding recommendations to the IABA.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>The IABA, in Resolution No. 460 bestowed the 2008-2009 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector.</p>	<p>Note: At the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, the Awards Selection Committee comprised: Peru (Southern Region), St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Caribbean Region), El Salvador (Central Region), United States of America (Northern Region), and Chile (Southern Region).</p> <p>The Committee offered a number of recommendations for improving the process of selecting qualified candidates for the Awards.</p>

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<p>15 Resolution 511 “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”, and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p> <p>To express satisfaction with the progress achieved in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies referred to in operative paragraph 1.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>The IABA, in Resolution No. 459, approved the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>No action pending</p>
<p>16 Resolution 512 “Donation of a Plot of Land in Turrialba for the Construction of a Hospital”</p> <p>To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting;</p> <p>(1) Approve the transfer of the five hectares of land to the entity indicated by the Government of Costa Rica, in permanent usufruct, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>a. That the land is to be used exclusively to construct and operate a public hospital/medical center for the population of Turrialba and neighboring areas; and,</p>	<p><i>Resolution being Implemented.</i></p> <p>The IABA, in Resolution No. 462, approved the donation of 5 Ha of land for the construction of the new hospital in Turrialba.</p>	<p>The approval process concluded with the approval of Resolution 512.</p> <p>The Project has yet to be undertaken by the authorities of the new government in Costa Rica.</p>

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<p>b. That the usufruct arrangement will cease and the land will revert to IICA if the land requested is used for purposes other than those specified in subparagraph “a.” above and/or the hospital/medical center is not constructed and fully operational within five years of the date on which the rights to the use of land are transferred.</p> <p>(2) Instruct the Director General, in his capacity as the legal representative of the Institute, to take the actions necessary to execute the approved transfer of rights.</p>	<p><i>Operative Paragraph in effect</i></p>	
<p>17 Resolution 513 “Date and Site of the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To hold the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in San Jose, Costa Rica during the first half of 2010.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p><i>Resolution in effect</i></p> <p>In letters SC/DG-750 and SC/DG-751, the call to the meeting was sent on August 17, 2010, to Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.</p> <p>The remaining 22 Member States, the Associate State and the Permanent Observers were also invited to participate.</p> <p>Invitations were also extended to the Directors General of CATIE and CARDI and the diplomatic corps accredited to Costa Rica.</p>	

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<p>18 Resolution 514 “2008-2009 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)”</p> <p>To thank the management and staff of CARDI for presenting the 2008-2009 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).</p> <p>To congratulate the Executive Director of CARDI on the contents and presentation of that Biennial Report.</p> <p>To continue support for the collaborative activities between IICA and CARDI.</p> <p>To encourage CARDI and CATIE to strengthen their institutional relations and programs for joint actions.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>Executive Committee Resolution No. 514 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The IABA, at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting, approved the 2008-2009 Biennial Report of CARDI and its 2010 – 2013 Plan of Action, in Resolution No. 464.</p> <p>The Director General of IICA sent Executive Committee Resolution No. 514 to the Director General of CARDI in letter SC/DG 643, as well as Resolution No. 464, approved by the IABA, in letter 1151.</p>	
<p>19 Resolution 515 “2007-2008 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <p>To thank the authorities and personnel of CATIE for presenting the 2007-2008 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p> <p>To congratulate the Director General of CATIE on the contents and presentation of that Biennial Report.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>Executive Committee Resolution No. 515 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>Resolution No. 515 was sent to the Director General of CATIE on July 23, 2009, in letter SC/DG-643.</p>	

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<p>To encourage CARDI and CATIE to strengthen their institutional relations and programs for joint actions.</p>	<p>The IABA approved the 2007-2008 Biennial Report of CATIE and its 2010-2012 Plan of Action, in Resolution No. 465.</p> <p>Resolution 465 was sent to the Director General of CATIE in letter SC/DG-1108.</p>	
<p>20 Resolution 516 “2009-2010 Joint IICA-CATIE Program of Action”</p> <p>To accept the 2009-2010 Joint IICA-CATIE Program of Action and to instruct the Directors General of IICA and CATIE to ensure that it is carried out.</p> <p>To congratulate the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE on progress achieved in building a common knowledge management platform to facilitate access for all professionals, institutions and individuals working for agricultural and rural development in the Americas, as well as students pursuing professional and technical careers related to agriculture, to the information and knowledge of both institutions.</p>	<p><i>Resolution Implemented.</i></p> <p>Resolution No. 516 was posted on the IICA Web portal on July 28, 2009, and sent to the Director General of CATIE in memorandum SC/DG-644.</p>	<p>In 2010, both IICA and CATIE have been working together to implement the 2010 portion of the Joint Action Program.</p>