



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THIRTY-FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## **Status of the resolutions of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee**

San Jose, Costa Rica  
21-22 May 2014



## I. General Information

The Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from June 18-19, 2013. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Suriname and United States of America<sup>1</sup>.

Mr. Ricardo Aguilar, Undersecretary for Food and Competitiveness of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) of Mexico, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mr. Andrés Bernal Morales, Head of the Legal Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Colombia, serve as Rapporteur.

## II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

RESOLUTION	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p><b>Resolution N.º 565</b> “2010-2013 Management Report”</p> <p>1. To accept the 2010-2013 Management Report and congratulate the Director General and other officials of the Institute on the work performed and results achieved, which were possible thanks to the support received from the Member States.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States to undertake initiatives to strengthen the technical-administrative and financial situation of the Institute, in order to properly equip IICA to carry out its mandates.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 566</b> “2012 Annual Report of IICA”</p> <p>To approve the 2012 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>

<sup>1</sup> 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 July 23-24, 2003.

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 567</b> <i>“Report on the Collection of Quotas”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General to: (a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2013 and those owed for previous years; and, (b) keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area.</li> <li>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 with the General Directorate to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Institute has sent letters of thanks and continued to provide follow-up to the payment of quotas as planned, with satisfactory results.</p> <p>The latest information about the results achieved in collecting quotas will be presented to the Executive Committee for consideration at the latter’s Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, due to be held from May 21-22, 2014.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 568</b> <i>“2012 Financial Statements of the Institute, Report of the External Auditors and Nineteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the 2012 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 Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</li> <li>2. To approve the Nineteenth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The financial statements were submitted to the IABA for consideration at its Seventeenth Regular Meeting, and the Board adopted Resolution No. 484. At its meeting held April 2-3, 2014, the ARC provided follow-up to the actions taken in response to the recommendations that it made in its nineteenth report.</p>

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3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.	Operative paragraph implemented	
<p data-bbox="130 326 919 391"><b>Resolution N.º 569</b> “2014-2015 Program Budget”</p> <p data-bbox="130 391 919 456">To recommend that the IABA:</p> <p data-bbox="130 456 919 797">i. Approve the amount of USD33,910,000 per year from the Regular Fund as the 2014-2015 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States totaling USD27,810,000 per year, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, and USD6,100,000 per year in miscellaneous income, consisting of USD3,500,000 estimated to be generated annually and the use of up to USD2,600,000 per year of the resources of the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p> <p data-bbox="130 797 919 1040">ii. Approve the use of resources for the 2014 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 615 (13), “2014-2015 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as “Annex B” to this resolution.</p> <p data-bbox="130 1040 919 1235">iii. Instruct the Director General to present to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, a draft budget of expenditures of the funds approved for the 2015 Program Budget, consistent with the priorities of the new Medium-term Plan of the Institute.</p> <p data-bbox="130 1235 919 1427">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 fifteen per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p>	<p data-bbox="919 326 1369 456">Resolution implemented</p> <p data-bbox="919 456 1369 797">Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p data-bbox="919 797 1369 1040">Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p data-bbox="919 1040 1369 1235">Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p data-bbox="919 1235 1369 1427">Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p data-bbox="1369 326 1969 553">The 2014-2015 Program Budget was presented to the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from September 24-27, 2013. The IABA adopted Resolution No. 485, in which it accepted the Executive Committee’s recommendation.</p>

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<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 2014 and 2015 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p><b>Resolution N.º 570</b> <i>“Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <p>To elect Mr. Steve Rickrode of the United States of America to occupy the position of the member of the ARC reserved for a candidate nominated by the six largest contributors to IICA, for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and concluding on December 31, 2019.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>After taking up his duties as a member of the ARC on January 1, 2014, Mr. Steve Rickrode took part in the session held from April 2-3, 2014 to conduct the annual review of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, following which the ARC issued its twentieth annual report.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 571</b> <i>“Recognition of the contribution made by Mr. Tracy Lapoint as a member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <p>1. To thank the Government of the United States of America for the support provided by Mr. Tracy LaPoint, in his capacity as a member of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To recognize the excellent, dedicated and professional work of Mr. LaPoint and express its deep gratitude to him for his contributions to the ARC and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>IICA acknowledges the sterling work done by Mr. Tracy LaPoint, whom the Executive Committee elected for a six-year term at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, held in 2007. Mr. LaPoint’s term ran from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 572</b> <i>“IICA Cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”</i></p> <p>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</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Advances (July 2013 – May 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The MIOA consolidated the active participation of its 33 member countries (Venezuela is still not a member) in order to facilitate the exchange of methodologies and</li> </ul>

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<p>agriculture in 34 of its Member States.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <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>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>good practices related to the collection, analysis and dissemination of information about agricultural markets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The organization strengthened the institutional capabilities for data collection of the Agricultural Market Information Systems (AMIS) of the 15 MIOA member countries in the CARIFORUM Region.</li> <li>▪ Members of the AMIS in the Region of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic updated their knowledge related to the analysis of agricultural information and agricultural market intelligence.</li> <li>▪ The process of construction of a <i>Wiki de Productos Agrícolas</i> got under way, the aim of which is to harmonize the terms of trade of the principal fruits and vegetables in Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (in a second phase, the effort will be expanded to the rest of the hemisphere).</li> <li>▪ In coordination with IICA, implementation got under way of three hemispheric projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge Management in Agricultural Market Information Systems</li> <li>- Strengthening of the AMIS's links with the Private Agricultural Sector</li> <li>- Inclusion of the concept of Market Information in the Academic Curriculum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In coordination with IICA, implementation began of the Agribusiness Subcomponent (Strengthening of AMIS) of the INTRA-ACP Project (Region CARIFORUM).</li> <li>▪ Thanks to a contribution from the USDA-AMS, the operating fund of the MIOA increased by USD 300,000 (three hundred thousand US dollars).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 573</b> <i>“Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2011-2012 and progress of the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept CATIE’s biennial report for 2011-2012 and thank the Director General of the Center for his presentation.</li> <li>2. To accept the “Progress Report on the Activities of the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action.”</li> <li>3. 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.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>



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<p><b>Resolution N.º 574</b> <i>“Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2011-2012 and progress of the IICA-CARDI Program for Joint Action”</i></p> <p>1. To accept the report on the activities implemented by CARDI during the 2011-2012 biennium and to thank CARDI for its presentation.</p> <p>2. To accept the progress report on the activities of the IICA-CARDI Program for Joint Action.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 575</b> <i>“Proposed mechanism for appointing the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</i></p> <p>To recommend that, at its next regular meeting, the IABA:</p> <p>a. Establish that, beginning in 2015, the person who represents the IABA on the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE be appointed by a single IICA Member State, in accordance with the following table:</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>As recommended by the Executive Committee, the IABA approved the proposal at its Seventeenth Regular Meeting, held from September 24-27, 2013 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.</p>

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<p><i>of IICA regarding any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters requiring a vote of the Council or the Board of Directors.</i></p>		
<p><b>Resolution N.º 576</b> <i>“Report of the 2013 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</i></p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2013 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	Resolution implemented	No further action required.
<p><b>Resolution N.º 577</b> <i>“Status of the Resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”; and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	Resolution implemented	No further action required.
<p><b>Resolution N.º 578</b> <i>“Agenda for the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2013”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the provisional agenda for the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the (IABA) and the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2013 and to thank Argentina for the progress to date.</li> <li>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 said events.</li> </ol>	<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>

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 579</b> <i>“Date and Venue of the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</i></p> <p>1. To hold the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2014.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held from May 21-22, 2014, in San Jose, Costa Rica, at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>The Director General sent out the call to meeting to the Member States and other participants 30 days before the date of the start of the meeting, as established in Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 580</b> <i>“Amendment of the Statute of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</i></p> <p>To amend sections 5.1 and 5.4 of the Statute of the SACMI so that the wording reads as follows:</p> <p>5.1 The Advisory Commission shall hold at least one regular meeting per year, <i>which may be on site or on line.</i><sup>2</sup></p> <p>5.4 All <i>on-site</i> Advisory Committee meetings shall take place at IICA Headquarters; however, the Chairperson, with the approval of the other Members, may accept an invitation from a Member State to host the meeting in its territory, provided that the host Member State pays, in advance, all costs of the meeting over and above the cost to IICA of holding the meeting at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> <i>The new text is shown in italics.</i></p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The sections of the SACMI’s Statute mentioned were modified accordingly.</p> <p>In 2014, the Regular Meeting of the SACMI was virtual. All nine Member States participated, namely: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, United States of America and Venezuela.</p>

### III. Other resolutions

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 506</b> <i>“Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p>	<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 2013 will be presented in information document No. 02 of the Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which will take place from May 21-22, 2014.</p>