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STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA

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Resolution	Operative Paragraph	Status
<p>Resolution No. 384 Consolidation of the Institute's Transformation Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the efforts undertaken by the Director General, with support from the Member States and within the framework of the present Convention, to transform IICA and equip it with the technical capabilities it needs to support its Member States more effectively. 2. To recognize the importance of the "Working Together" strategy that IICA has been implementing as a means of improving the service that the group of international organizations provides to the Member States and, in order to strengthen that strategy, to instruct the Director General to actively promote IICA partnerships with multilateral and regional financial organizations. 3. To urge the Member States to lend the support needed to consolidate the transformation of the Institute and achieve the expected results, and, through their participation in the governing bodies of financial institutions to encourage the latter to strengthen their ties with the Institute and their involvement in the execution of high-priority agricultural and rural development projects 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect The Director General will report to the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the progress made.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect The Director General will report to the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the progress made in strengthening IICA's ties with the financial agencies.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 3. First part: The Director General will report to the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the progress made. Second part: Implementation pending.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 385 Hemispheric Information System on Agricultural Policies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To entrust the General Directorate, with support from the institutions of the Member States, with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implementing and maintaining an information system on agricultural policies, the agencies that formulate them, experiences related to their implementation, and the availability of high-level experts on these subjects; and b. Continuing the efforts under way to strengthen horizontal cooperation in this field. 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented</p> <p>The system was designed with IICA technical support and the participation of the Agricultural Policy Offices of the CAS member countries.</p> <p>The proposal was analyzed and adjusted on the occasion of the Meeting of the Network of Agricultural Policy Institutions of the Southern Cone (REDPA), held in Santiago, Chile in May 2004.</p> <p>IICA's Directorate of Policy and Trade will present a progress report on this subject at the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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	2. To pledge to provide the General Directorate of the Institute with the information required for operating the system and to collaborate in its development and implementation.	<p>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect.</p> <p>Pursuant to the commitment assumed with the Ministers of the CAS and the mandate from the IABA, the General Directorate is working with the CAS member countries through its Directorate for Policy and Trade to implement the system at the pilot level in the Southern Region. The idea is to expand it subsequently to the remaining countries of the hemisphere.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 386. Agricultural Biotechnology And Biosafety</p>	1. To entrust IICA with convening meetings, in consultation with its Member States, to discuss the importance of agricultural biotechnology, and its impact on trade and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings have been promoted to analyze the importance of biotechnology and its impact on agricultural development, the sustainable use of plant genetic resources and trade, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hemispheric meeting on trade aspects of the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (CPB). Buenos Aires, February, 2004 - Support for the Latin American Meeting on Biotechnology (REDBIO) 2004 in June in the Dominican Republic, through presentations, Internet transmission of the meeting to the countries, and mobilization of country experts. - Conferences and seminars on the impact of biotechnology on innovation and trade, in forums such as SICTA, PCCMCA, REDBIO-Dominican Republic Chapter, Nicaragua, among others. - Participation in the World Forum on Biotechnology (Concepción, Chile).

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	<p>2. To ask IICA to disseminate among its Member States the arrangement signed by the three countries of North America to facilitate trade and the transboundary movement of LMOs, with a view to considering the possibility of implementing such measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA-Costa Rica-IICA Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology to Increase Agricultural Productivity, which also addressed the subject of biotechnology. • Support for the participation of professionals from Panama, Nicaragua, and El Salvador in the Meeting of Parties to the CPB, in Malaysia. • A study was conducted on the results of the meeting of the parties and on the implications for the countries in implementing the CPB. • Information on biotechnology in IICA's Scientific Information and Technological System (INFOTEC) has been strengthened. • The Canada, United States and Mexico Agreement on the implementation of article 18.2 a. of the CPB was disseminated via the INFOTEC weekly bulletin. • A web page specializing in biotechnology and biosafety was designed for IICA's web site and will be launched before June 2004. • A proposal for inter-thematic action was prepared by IICA to respond to the IABA resolution. Action will focus on workshops in support of decision-makers of the Ministries of Agriculture, and others on the documentation and implementation of the CPB, in general, and in particular of Article 18. 2.

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	<p>3. To establish a task force comprised of IICA staff and interested Member States to develop a plan for agricultural biotechnology and biosafety in the hemisphere.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to contribute to IICA the additional resources necessary to support the activities considered under this resolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A work program was prepared for the consideration of the General Directorate regarding the: a) creation of a working group to establish the conditions and commitments for developing a hemispheric plan, and b) the strengthening of technical aspects of national capabilities in biosafety, through reciprocal cooperation among countries. ● The formulation of regional strategies for agrobiotechnology is being promoted in the Central and Caribbean Regions, and the creation of the Agrobiotechnology Advisory Group is being fostered in the Caribbean. This forms part of the strategy to move toward a hemispheric plan in regions that are relatively less advanced in this subject area. ● Support has been provided for implementing regional research projects that use modern biotechnology for rice, oil palm, banana, coffee and other crops, and for strengthening research capacities of cooperative research programs (PROCIANDINO, PROMECAFE, PROCISUR and FONTAGRO). ● FORAGRO is preparing an analysis of the state of the art of the institutional situation for agrobiotechnology in LAC to fuel the discussion of priorities in I&D by public and private interest groups, as well as the academic and production sectors, as input for the hemispheric plan. ● An IICA-USDA non-reimbursable agreement was established for actions related to the documentation requirements for implementing the CPB, with emphasis on Article 18 2 a..

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contacts have been made with technical and financial cooperation agencies (BIOLAC, Grupo UNIDO, CIRAD, GFAR) for securing external resources.
<p>Resolución No. 387. Implementation of and Follow-up to the Agro 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p>	<p>1. To entrust IICA with continuing to provide support to the ministers of agriculture in the process to implement the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implementation ongoing / Provision in effect</p> <p>The General Directorate is helping the countries implement the Plan by means of a “National Technical Cooperation Agenda” prepared in each of the 34 countries of the Americas in consultation with the national authorities. The agenda establishes IICA’s cooperation activities in the different fields covered by the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan, such as sustainable rural development, trade, agribusiness development, technology and innovation, agricultural health and food safety, information, communication, and education.</p> <p>The Institute took part in the meetings of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) in December 2003, and January and June 2004. It reported to the National Summits Coordinators about the 2001-2003 ministerial process and the results of the Second Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life (Panama 2004), in particular about the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action, and the outlook for the 2004-2005 ministerial process.</p> <p>IICA helped the countries galvanize the political will of the Heads of State and of Government at the Special Summit of the Americas, with a view to their pledging their support for the improvement of agriculture and rural life, and, specifically, the implementation of the Plan. Their support was set forth in the Declaration of Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, adopted in January 2004 (paragraph 43).</p>

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	<p>2. To instruct the Ministerial Delegates and their hemispheric forum (GRICA), assisted by the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, to present to the Third Ministerial Meeting a progress report on the implementation of the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action and the proposal for updating it.</p> <p>3. To ask the Interagency Group on Rural Development, comprised of the World Bank, the IDB, ECLAC, FAO, IFAD, GTZ, IICA and USAID, to draw up a proposal for an interagency agenda, with a view to gradually aligning international cooperation with the actions established in the Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 2. Implementation ongoing / Provision in effect</p> <p>The General Directorate, through the Office for Summits of the Americas Follow-up, the IICA Offices in the countries, and the Directors of Regional Operations, is assisting the Ministers and Ministerial Delegates in identifying and defining the regional and national strategies for implementing the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan.</p> <p>At the national level, IICA is promoting a mechanism to coordinate the work of the Ministerial Delegate of Agriculture, the National Summits Coordinator (ministry of foreign affairs), and the IICA Representative. For this new stage in the process, the Ministerial Delegate will also have the support of a team of specialists.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 3. Implementation ongoing / Provision in effect</p> <p>The Director General informed the members of the Interagency Group and other institutional partners of the content of this operative paragraph.</p> <p>As a member of the Interagency Group, IICA took part in the Group's Round Table, which was held during the meeting of the IDB's Board of Governors, in Lima, Peru, in March 2004. In its capacity as the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, IICA informed the Group of the request made by the Ministers in this operative paragraph.</p>

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	4. To adopt the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action as the Common Agenda to be used as an instrument of joint and common action by the nations of the hemisphere in the four ministerial forums, as a support for the transformation of agriculture and the improvement of rural life.	<p>Operative Paragraph 4. Implementation ongoing / Provision in effect</p> <p>IICA informed the FAO Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, and the Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean about this point.</p> <p>IICA took part in the 28th FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean and in the Technical Meetings held prior to the event, and informed the organization about this point (Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 2004).</p>
Resolution No. 388. 2001 and 2002 Financial Statements of the Institute and Reports of the External Auditors	To approve the Financial Statements of the Institute for 2001 and 2002 and the Reports of the External Auditors on said financial statements.	Resolution implemented
Resolution No. 389. Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)	<p>1. To accept the Eighth and Ninth Annual Reports of the Audit Review Committee.</p> <p>2. To thank the members of the Audit Review Committee for their valuable work.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The members of the ARC were thanked by the IABA.</p>
Resolution No. 390. 2004-2005 Program Budget	<p>1. To approve the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,167,572 per year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached hereto as "Appendix A," and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$2,832,428 per year.</p> <p>2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2004-2005 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters, line items and Strategic Areas detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.276(03) "Draft Program Budget for the 2004-2005 Biennium," the summary of which, by Chapter, is attached as "Appendix B."</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented IICA's budget for the 2004 fiscal year is being executed.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Implemented Resources are being allocated in 2004 in accordance with the approved Program Budget.</p>

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	<p>3. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the Program Budget, provided that total transfers neither increase nor reduce the affected Chapters by more than ten per cent, and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. To 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 2004 and 2005 fall below estimated levels for the biennium. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 3. Provision in effect</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 4. Provision in effect</p>
<p>Resolution 391. Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund</p>	<p>1. To approve the proposed special expenditures to be financed by the General Subfund, in the amount of US\$3,000,000.00 for the 2004-2005 biennium, earmarking them for the programs detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.277(03) "Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund,"".</p> <p>2. To provide that the funds earmarked according to the aforementioned distribution are not to be restored to the Working Subfund.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to adopt such measures as may be required to ensure that the execution of the special budget does not affect the normal execution of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget.</p>	<p>Resolution Pending Implementation Implementation depends on the collection of quota arrearages.</p>
<p>Resolution 392. Proposal for the Collection of Quota Contributions owed to the Institute</p>	<p>1. To urge the Member States that owe quotas to IICA to pay their pending quotas as soon as possible, to enable the Institute to fully comply with its mandates.</p> <p>2. To adopt the measures contained in the Appendix to this resolution.</p>	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The members of the delegations from the Member States sitting on the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee will receive updated information on measures taken to comply with this Resolution.</p>
<p>Resolution 393. Measures Approved by the IABA for Restructuring the Finances of the Institute.</p>	<p>1. To accept the measures contained in the appendix to this resolution and instruct the Director General to take the steps necessary to fulfill same.</p>	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The Director General will submit to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting, a progress report on the application of the measures</p>

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	2. To urge the Member States to: a) make extra-quota financial contributions to fund high-priority programs and projects; b) provide the Institute, free of charge, office space suitable for its operations; and, c) make contributions in cash, assets and of other kinds to strengthen the Institute's Patrimonial Fund.	approved by the IABA for restructuring the finances of the Institute. To date, no extra-quota contributions have been received from the Member States.
Resolution No. 394. Extension of the Term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)	1. To extend the term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) for a further two years, from the date of this resolution and until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Advisory Commission's Statute. 2. To thank the Advisory Commission for its work and, in particular, for its attention in studying and improving the measures for restructuring the finances of Institute.	Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented This Resolution was communicated on a timely basis to the Member States. The Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues held its regular meeting in 2004 on May 25-26 at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. The report of that meeting is one of the documents of the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. Operative Paragraph 2. Implemented The IABA's appreciation was communicated to the members of the Advisory Commission.
Resolution No. 395. Reports on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and of the Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee	1. To accept the reports: (i) "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)," and (ii) "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee."" 2. To express its satisfaction with the implementation of the resolutions.	Resolution implemented
Resolution No. 396. Membership Table of the Executive Committee	1. To approve the attached new Membership Table of the Executive Committee for the 2004-2018 period.	Resolution implemented The new membership table of the Executive Committee was sent by the Director General to the Member States by letter N° 1427 dated 15 December 2003.

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<p>Resolution No. 397. Rotation Mechanism for Appointing the Representatives of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) To the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt the following table that identifies the IICA Members States that are not members of CATIE that should appoint the person who will represent the IABA on the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE, for the term specified therein 2. To entrust the Director General of IICA with: (i) informing the Institute's Member States of the table approved in the foregoing operative paragraph for appointing the IABA's representatives to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE; and (ii) henceforth with requesting candidates to perform these duties on CATIE's governing bodies according to the above rotation table. 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. (i) The new table was sent to IICA's Member States. (ii) The table will be used to request the corresponding Member States to appoint the people who will fulfill those responsibilities.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 398. 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To declare the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector void. 2. To entrust the Director General with the task of actively promoting the presentation of candidates for the awards for the 2004-2005 period. 3. To urge the Member States to undertake effective processes in each country with a view to selecting suitably qualified candidates for the Inter-American Awards. 	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The candidates presented for the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards will be considered together with the candidates presented for the 2004 period.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 399. Date and Site of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept and thank the Government of Ecuador for its generous offer to host the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA). 	<p>Resolution in the process of compliance. On the occasion of the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Government of Ecuador and the Director General of IICA will report on the progress made to prepare for both the Third Ministerial Meeting held within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>

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	2. To hold the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in Ecuador during the second semester of 2005.	Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect The meeting will take place in Ecuador in September 2005.
Resolution No. 400. Modifications of the Financial Rules and the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate on Miscellaneous Income	1. To approve the modifications to the Financial Rules and to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate set out in Annex A	Resolution implemented The approved amendments have been incorporated into both the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and the Financial Rules.
Resolution No. 401. Associate Personnel	1. To amend Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate, on the Institute's personnel, as follows: a. To eliminate Article 14 (a)(iv) b. To add the following section (d) to Article 14: d. ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL - volunteers, including former IICA staff members who wish to donate their services to IICA, and employees and contractors of partner institutions or entities, provided by same to IICA in compliance with the provisions of the Staff Rules. 2. To urge the General Directorate to create a roster of experts available in the agricultural sector to provide their services, while on sabbatical, to the member countries.	Resolution implemented The Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate referring to Institute personnel have been updated to include the amendments approved by this Resolution
Resolution No. 402. 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)	1. To thank CATIE for the document "2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)." 2. To congratulate the Director General of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.	Resolution implemented This Resolution was sent to the Director General of CATIE by letter N° 1359 dated 2 December 2003.
Resolution No. 403. 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)	1. To thank CARDI for the "2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)."	Resolution implemented This Resolution was sent to the Director General of CARDI by letter N° 1369 of 3 December 2003.

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2. To congratulate the Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.		
Resolution 404. Participation in the Forum of the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development (FORAGRO)	To take note of the report containing the conclusions of the Third International Meeting of FORAGRO and urge the Member States and IICA to increase their participation in this Forum.	Resolution implemented
Resolution 405. Tribute to Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson.	<p>1. To thank the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the support provided by Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson, Auditor General, General Secretariat of CAROSAI, who sat on the Audit Review Committee from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2003.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Thompson, and offer sincere thanks for her contributions to the consolidation of the Audit Review Committee, and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented The IABA's gratitude was communicated to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago by letter N° 1362 dated 3 December 2003.</p> <p>This acknowledgement was communicated to Mrs. Thompson by letter N° 1397 of 4 December 2003.</p>
Resolution 406. Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of Panama	1. To respectfully thank the Government and people of the Republic of Panama for their extraordinary hospitality and, in particular, the President of Panama, Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, for her distinguished and enlightened participation in this event of critical importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.	Resolution implemented