

RESOLUTION No. 519

STRATEGIC PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CATIE

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Twentieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation of the report entitled “Strategic Proposal for the Future of CATIE”, prepared in response to Resolution No. 507 of the IABA, adopted at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting on 26 October 2017,

CONSIDERING:

That, via Resolution No. 507, the IABA resolved, among other matters, to request that the directors general of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) establish, with participation from the Government of Costa Rica, an *ad hoc* working group to prepare a “strategic proposal” for the future of CATIE that details scenarios and alternatives for restructuring and strengthening the Center’s organizational, scientific, academic and financial frameworks, as well as its legal basis;

That the resolution instructed the directors general of IICA and CATIE to ensure that the *ad hoc* working group present this strategic proposal, including its conclusions and scenarios, to the Executive Committee, so that it may issue recommendations at its Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting; and

That, pursuant to this resolution, the *ad hoc* working group presented to the Executive Committee its strategic proposal, whose recommendations were discussed during the present meeting of the IABA;

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a special committee, pursuant to Article 60 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, in order to study, analyze and make recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the following:

- a. Measures to make the land belonging to IICA and CATIE more productive;
 - b. The feasibility of incorporating CATIE as a division of IICA in charge of technical and scientific research and post-graduate education in agricultural sciences, as well as other structural options that may lead to more efficient and economical integration and coordination that meet the needs of the Member States.
2. To include the following Member States as members of this special committee: Mexico, Honduras and Costa Rica, which are also Regular Members of CATIE, and Ecuador, Jamaica and the United States, as well as thank them for their willingness to participate in the activities of the committee.
 3. To request that the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE provide this special committee with the technical, legal and secretariat support it requires to fulfill its mandate.
 4. To thank the Director General of IICA, the Director General of CATIE, former Director General of IICA Martín Piñeiro and other members of the *ad hoc* working group for the document entitled “Strategic Proposal for the Future of CATIE”, which has achieved progress in analyzing and evaluating the topics that will be overseen by this special committee moving forward.