

**RESOLUTION No. 370**

**2000-2001 INTER-AMERICAN AWARDS IN THE RURAL SECTOR**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Eleventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The report submitted to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, by the Selection Committee for the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector, and its recommendations concerning the conferral of the awards for the 2000-2001 period and Resolution IICA/CE/Res.356(XXI-O/01), "Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector,"

CONSIDERING:

That the Awards Selection Committee (the Committee) met during the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee;

That through Resolution IICA/CE/Res.356(XXI-O/00) and based on the Committee's recommendation, the Executive Committee decided to extend the deadline for the nomination of candidates until October 31, 2001, and asked the Director General to submit to the consideration of the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a proposal for amending the Regulations for Conferring Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector;

That, despite the extension of the deadline for nominating candidates, IICA received only one additional nomination;

That the Awards Selection Committee decided to include some candidates who deserved to be considered, even though their nominations did not fulfill all the requirements, as an exception to the present rules, pending review pursuant to Resolution IICA/CE/Res.356(XXI-O/01),

RESOLVES:

1. In accordance with the recommendations made by the Committee, to confer the awards as follows:
  - a. The 2000-2001 Inter-American Agricultural Medal to Mr. Leopoldo Sandoval Villeda, of Guatemala.
  - b. The 2000-2001 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development to Ms. Bertila Jiron Gonzalez, of El Salvador.
  - c. The 2000-2001 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals to Ms. Dawn D. Pierre-Nathaniel, of St. Lucia.

2. In view of the small number of nominations received for the Inter-American Awards, to entrust the Director General with consulting the Member States to ascertain whether they wish to continue to confer such awards and, if not, whether to allocate these resources to other priorities of the Institute. This consultation should determine the countries' willingness to conduct, support and participate actively in national and regional processes for selecting candidates for the Awards, in order to implement the recommendation made by the Executive Committee, in its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, through Resolution IICA/CE/Res.356.