



Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the
Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee**

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I. General information

The Fortieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held as a virtual meeting from San Jose, Costa Rica, on 21 July 2020. It was attended by the representatives of the following Member States that were members of the 2020 Executive Committee: Argentina, The Bahamas, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, the United States of America and Uruguay.¹

Mr. Carlos María Uriarte, Minister of Livestock, Agriculture and Fisheries of Uruguay, served as Chair of the meeting, and Mr. Edgar Mata, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat for Agriculture Sector Planning (SEPSA) of Costa Rica, served as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
Resolution No. 658 “2019 Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)” To approve the 2019 Annual Report of IICA.	Resolution implemented Operative paragraph implemented	
Resolution No. 659 “IICA's actions within the framework of its 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan, to support its Member States in overcoming the crisis triggered by the COVID-19 emergency” 1. To acknowledge the efforts undertaken by IICA’s Member States during the current emergency to maintain and improve the performance of the agriculture sector at the national, regional and hemispheric levels, as well as to guarantee food security and protect the well-being of rural workers. 2. To acknowledge and endorse the work that the Institute and its Director General have carried out to support the countries, particularly the ministries of agriculture, which	Resolution in effect Operative paragraph implemented Operative paragraph implemented	

¹ The system for rotation of Member States on the Executive Committee was established by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 515 and was approved by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from 25-26 October 2017.

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<p>has enabled IICA to consolidate its standing as an institution that listens to its member countries and proposes solutions to address their demands and needs.</p> <p>3. To urge the Member States to reinforce their support to the Institute, making the greatest possible efforts to bolster its technical and financial capacity, so that it may continue to provide technical cooperation of excellence for agricultural and rural development.</p> <p>4. To request that the Director General continue to explore innovative solutions to strengthen IICA's technical cooperation services, especially through activities that allow for bringing together all sector stakeholders to create a sustainable and resilient agriculture sector.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>In the context of the health crisis ensuing from the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2021 the Institute has continued to develop initiatives that provide innovative and sustainable solutions that bring together stakeholders in the agrifood sector of the Americas.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 660 “Support for IICA's institutional transformation process”</p> <p>1. To support the Director General's initiative to advance the institutional transformation process, which should involve efforts consistent with the Institute's objectives, including: a) the definition of a new business model, b) the development of a new financial architecture and c) the mobilization and collection of external resources from various funding sources.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) to serve as an extended permanent working group aimed at supporting, analyzing and developing a proposal for IICA's comprehensive transformation.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>On 1 October and 3 December of 2020, extraordinary meetings of the SACMI were convened, with a view to analysing the proposal for the comprehensive transformation of IICA.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 661 “Report on the collection of quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. To acknowledge the fact that, amidst the difficult situation that IICA and its member countries are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more important to maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to urge the Institute’s Member States to make their annual quota payments and pay arrears for previous years in a timely fashion. 3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2020 and those owed for previous years; and b) keep IICA’s member countries informed of progress in this area. 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 upon to meet their financial obligations to IICA, which are key actions to enable the Institute to remain a strong institution that effectively carries out its mission to support its Member States. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The corresponding thank you letters regarding quota payments have been sent out.</p> <p>Constant communication has been maintained, highlighting the importance of these resources, in order to manage the collection of quotas owed for previous periods.</p> <p>A report on progress made in the collection of quotas was presented during the Regular Meeting of the SACMI, held on 22 April.</p> <p>The Member States will be informed of progress made in the collection of quotas during the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 662 “2019 Financial Statements of IICA, Report of External Auditors and Twenty-sixth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the 2019 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General of IICA to submit them to the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA for its information. 2. To approve the Twenty-sixth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein. 3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished. 4. To recognize the efforts made by IICA to maintain financial records with a clean opinion and to urge the Director General to continue his policy of transparency. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The financial statements of the Institute will be presented to the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the IABA, to be held on 1-2 September.</p> <p>The Institute has followed up on the recommendations issued by the ARC.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 663 “2019 Report of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept CATIE’s report for 2019. 2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. 3. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s Governing Council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph pending implementation</p>	<p>CATIE’s Governing Council has still not convened a meeting and thus the reports mentioned in the operative paragraph are not yet available.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 664 “Report of the Special Committee on CATIE”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Special Committee for the work carried out, adopt its recommendations and instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to make the necessary institutional modifications that would allow for converging the two organizations as requested by the IABA, as well as those that would continuously facilitate and foster their joint, coordinated work without the need to modify the current legal framework. 2. To request that the directors general of the Institute and the Center create a joint IICA/CATIE unit responsible for implementing the recommendations, particularly those relating to the exclusive use of the Institute’s annual contribution to the Center for activities that are agreed upon and supervised by the integrated unit. 3. To request that both directors general immediately prepare a “master plan” on the strategic use of the real estate and production assets of property belonging to IICA and CATIE, under the terms recommended by the Special Committee, and to submit the plan for consideration by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting and, if necessary, to the IABA for subsequent approval at its next regular meeting. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE have accepted the recommendations of the Special Committee and have established the necessary mechanisms to contribute to the convergence of both organizations, without the need to modify the current legal framework.</p> <p>The parameters for the creation, structure, functions, responsibilities, and planning instruments of the Joint IICA-CATIE Unit have been established, in keeping with the recommendations of the Committee, particularly with regards to the supervised use of the Institute’s annual contribution to the Center. In the event that any project may require investigation, this Unit is empowered to do so and to issue binding recommendations to the relevant individuals.</p> <p>The directors general of IICA and CATIE have prepared a Master Plan for the administration of IICA-CATIE real estate and production assets, along the lines suggested by the Special Committee. The entire document has been made available to the IICA member countries, in a timely manner, through the online Information System of the Forty-</p>

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<p>4. To request that the Director General of CATIE consult with the Center’s Governing Council at its October 2020 meeting, prior to implementing the provisions contained in the present resolution.</p> <p>5. To request that the Director General of the Institute report to the Executive Committee on the fulfilment of this resolution at its next regular meeting.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph pending implementation</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting of CATIE’s Governing Council has still not taken place, and therefore the requested consultation is still pending.</p> <p>The Director General of IICA has provided the Institute’s member countries with all the information related to this resolution, in a timely manner, through the online Information System of the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 665 “Report on the work program of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for the 2019-2020 biennium”</p> <p>1. To accept and express appreciation to CARDI for the report on the implementation of its work program for the 2019-2020 biennium.</p> <p>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for executing joint activities in support of efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being in the Caribbean countries.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 666 “Report of the 2020 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2020 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 667 “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <p>To accept the reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee” and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 668 “2019-2020 Report of the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”</p> <p>1. To approve the 2019-2020 Report of the ICOA.</p> <p>2. To entrust the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), in consultation with the member countries of the ICOA, with the task of preparing proposed modifications to the Bylaws of the commission, for consideration and possible approval by the Executive Committee at its next regular meeting.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>A draft proposal for the amendment of the ICOA Bylaws has been prepared and will soon be sent to the member countries of the Commission for their consideration and review.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 669 “Date and Venue of the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>1. To hold the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2021.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>Given the global emergency ensuing from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Director General asked the Member States on the Executive Committee to issue a vote by correspondence to indicate their consent to hold the Forty-first Regular Meeting as a virtual meeting on 28 to 29 June 2021. The request was</p>

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<p>2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>approved by 10 of the 12 member countries on the Committee.</p> <p>The notice for the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was sent to the IICA Member States on 14 May 2021.</p>

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009</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><i>Article 3 m. of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA – an annual report on its activities, which may include recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2020 is available on the online information document of the Executive Committee and will be presented as an information documents at its Forty-first Regular Meeting.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 572 “IICA cooperation with the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013</p> <p>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>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>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint activities carried out by IICA and the MIOA to promote agricultural market information, as well as the institutional strengthening of the Market Information Systems (MIS) and the MIOA, will be presented as an information document at the Forty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>