

RESOLUTION No. 464

**PLAN OF ACTION OF THE CARIBBEAN AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CARDI)**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.342(09), “2008-2009 Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)” and the presentation made by its Executive Director, Dr. Arlington D. Chesney, on that Institute’s Plan of Action 2010-2013”,

CONSIDERING:

That under the terms of the current agreement between IICA and CARDI, the latter organization is to submit a biennial report to the IABA covering technical, financial and administrative matters;

That the Executive Director of CARDI submitted the 2008-2009 biennial report of that Institute to the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of IICA, pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of IICA/JIA/Res.440(07), adopted by the IABA at its Fourteenth Regular meeting, held in Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, from July 26 to 27, 2007;

That, at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res.514(XXIX-O/09), in which it approved the 2008-2009 Report of CARDI and congratulated the Executive Director and staff of that Institute on its contents; and,

That the Executive Director of CARDI presented that Institute’s Plan of Action 2010-2013 to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank and congratulate the Board of Governors, Executive Director, the senior management and staff of CARDI, for the presentation and contents of its Plan of Action 2010-2013.
2. To note the progress made by CARDI so far in the implementation of its MTP 2008-2010 and its support for improvements in the Caribbean agricultural sector.
3. To note the difficulties the Member States of CARDI are experiencing in this critical financial period.
4. To note the Plan of Action, 2010-2013, which:
 - a. is built on the success achieved so far in attracting external resources for projects,
 - b. shows improvements in its financial situation, and
 - c. demonstrates the need for additional resources from traditional CARDI supporters.
5. To demonstrate its support to the Caribbean region in the diversification and productivity of its agricultural sector by its continued allocation to CARDI of US\$200,000.00 per annum for the period, 2010-2013, from its regular Program Budget.
6. To work further with the management of CARDI to obtain external resources of a minimum of US\$300,000.00 per year for the period 2010-2013 to support its efforts to implement the Region's agriculture diversification programme.