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**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGULAR
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2008)**

I. General Information

The Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on July 22-24, 2008. The Member States sitting on the Committee were: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, United States of America and Venezuela. Not present were Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Venezuela. Participating as observer Member States were: Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Haiti, Mexico, Panama and Peru. Germany and Israel attended as Permanent Observers.

Mr. Ezequiel Joseph, Representative of Saint Lucia, served as Chair of the meeting, and Mrs. Johanne M. Massiah, Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in 2008

RESOLUTION AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p>1. Resolution No. 481, “2007 IICA Annual Report”</p> <p>To approve the 2007 IICA Annual Report.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Resolution 481 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with the units of the Institute in memorandum SC/DG-655, dated August 11, 2008.</p>
<p>2 Resolution No 482 “Action taken in the face of the food security situation in the Americas”</p> <p>To instruct IICA to: a) monitor and expeditiously inform Member countries about the food security situation as it evolves, including the determining factors and impacts; b) provide, upon request, support and advice to Member States related to food security; c) revise and adjust accordingly the</p>	<p>Annex 1 of this document contains a summary of the actions taken by the Institute in compliance with Resolution 482.¹</p>	<p>Resolution 481 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with the units of the Institute in memorandum SC/DG-655, dated August 11, 2008.</p>

¹ See Annex 1 at the end of the document

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<p>Institute's hemispheric, regional and national technical cooperation agendas through the appropriate IICA governing bodies to provide cooperation to all Member States in their efforts to confront the crisis; d) provide technical cooperation and collaborate with the OAS and other strategic institutions on food security issues in the region to support the governments, the civil society and the private services sector to increase access to financial resources; e) promote and collaborate with strategic institutions to support training and technology transfer as one of the key mechanisms to increase food production particularly to the small and medium sized farmers.</p> <p>That IICA will take into account the programs of other international, regional, government development organizations in order to promote cooperation and avoid duplication of efforts.</p>		

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<p>3 Resolution No 483 “Status of the Assessment of technical expertise at IICA”</p> <p>To accept the report of IICA on progress with the implementation of actions aimed at improving technical expertise at IICA in order to meet the cooperation needs of Member States contained in the technical cooperation agendas and the resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of IICA.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to continue to implement the actions aimed at improving technical expertise at IICA in 2008 and 2009 that can be implemented by decision of the Director General and that do not require the allocation of additional resources.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to present to the Executive Committee at its next meeting a report on progress with implementing the recommendations to improve technical expertise at IICA.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>A report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations was presented to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) at its regular meeting held in 2009.</p> <p>A report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations, updated through July 2009, was presented to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, held on July 14-16, 2009.</p>	<p>Resolution 483 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with the units of the Institute in memorandum SC/DG-655, dated August 12, 2008.</p>

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<p>4 Resolution No 484 “Coordination mechanism for the development of organic agriculture in the Americas”</p> <p>To establish the Network of Competent Authorities in Organic Agriculture in the Americas as the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture, with responsibility for coordinating the standards and procedures for promoting and regulating the production of organic food in the hemisphere, as well as trade in those products, and to serve as a technical body for knowledge management in the area of organic agriculture and as a mechanism for consultation, liaison and reciprocal cooperation with the competent governmental bodies that promote and establish standards for the development of organic agriculture in each country.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented The Network is operational and comprises the competent authorities of all the countries of the Andean,² Southern³ and Central⁴ (except for Belize) regions, as well as those of Mexico and the Dominican Republic.</p>	<p>Resolution 484 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and forwarded to the Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture in memorandum SC/DG-655, of August 11, 2008.</p>

² Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

³ Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela

⁴ Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama

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<p>To instruct IICA to prepare, in conjunction with the competent governmental authorities that promote, regulate and establish standards to govern the development of organic agriculture, the bylaws and rules of procedure of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture, and to submit them to the Executive Committee for consideration at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, to be held in 2009.</p> <p>To entrust the General Directorate of IICA with providing services as Technical Secretariat to the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture, using the resources allocated for that purpose in the Institute's current Program Budget, and with considering also any financial and technical contributions that Member States, technical and financial cooperation agencies, other institutions and individuals might make to the operation of that Commission and the achievement of its purpose.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, held on July 14-16, 2009, adopted Resolution 506, in which it approved the Bylaws for the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture, subject to the approval of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, and ordered that they put into effect immediately.</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented The resources needed to operate the Secretariat were included in the 2009 budget (2009) and in the proposed 2010 Program Budget, which the Executive Committee forwarded to the IABA with a recommendation, in Resolution 504, that it be approved.</p>	<p>The proposed bylaws for the Inter-American Commission on Organic Agriculture will be submitted to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting for consideration.</p>

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<p>To urge the Member States of IICA that do not have competent governmental bodies to promote, regulate and establish standards to govern the development of organic agriculture, to establish them so that they may join the Network of Competent Authorities in Organic Agriculture in the Americas and be part of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture. Countries that do have such a governmental body are urged to reinforce their institutional structure.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented Currently, 20 Member States have competent authorities in the area of organic agriculture. In the case of the countries of the Caribbean, efforts are under way to develop a structure that can serve as a competent authority for that region, and to incorporate the competent authorities of Canada and the United States of America.</p>	
<p>5 Resolution No. 485 “Center for Leadership in Agriculture”.</p> <p>To state that IICA should give high priority to consolidating the Center for Leadership in Agriculture.</p> <p>To urge the Ministers of Agriculture and other leaders to participate in the activities of IICA’s Center for Leadership in Agriculture so that they may analyze the current state of agriculture in the global context and learn about the Institute’s true ability to support the implementation of the agricultural and rural development agendas in Member States.</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>The following report summarizes the work of the Center for Leadership, and the consolidation of its operations.</p> <p>Thirteen Ministers of Agriculture⁵ and their high-level teams, as well as two groups of decision makers, participated in an equal number of leadership fora which include strategic conversations between IICA technical personnel and the Minister and his/her team, as well as field trips to visit successful agricultural operations of interest to them.</p>	<p>Resolution 485 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and forwarded to the Center for Leadership in memorandum SC/DG655, of August 11, 2008.</p> <p>The closer relations forged as a result of the interaction between IICA personnel and the representatives of the ministries following three days of conversations and field trips lead to the development of synergies, the identification of opportunities for cooperation and the creation of trust, leading to more mutually satisfactory interpersonal relations, which facilitates technical cooperation.</p>

⁵ Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, St. Lucia, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago

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<p>To instruct the Director General to reinforce the efforts of the Center for Leadership to shape the future young leaders that agriculture in the region will require.</p> <p>To urge the Ministers of Agriculture to promote training in their respective countries and to facilitate the personal development of the young leaders who will have future responsibility for agricultural and rural development and to extend to them the necessary facilities and support to enable them to participate in the activities of IICA's Center for Leadership in Agriculture.</p>	<p>As a result of the leadership fora, training events have been held technical personnel and farmers in areas such as sustainable agriculture, hydroponics, biogas production and construction of biodigestors using animal waste, etc.</p> <p>The leadership capabilities of young people in the agricultural sector who have demonstrated potential have been enhanced thanks to training they have received in current agricultural issues and their trends, and to efforts to underscore the importance of basing work on values, working as a team, instilling trust, knowing how to listen, improving negotiating skills, and other leadership tools.</p> <p>Twenty-eight fora have been held for young leaders in the agricultural sector at the hemispheric, regional, national and territorial levels. An Inter-American network of young leaders in agriculture has been created and remains active thanks to a virtual community of practice that offers business and work opportunities and makes it possible to share techniques and tools and other experiences.</p>	<p>Several of the young people trained in the fora occupy high-level positions in the agricultural sector of their respective countries. For example, Henry Silva, from Venezuela, is now the manager of a major rural development project in Maracaibo, and Carlos Sanchez, from Panama, is regional director of the Social Investment Fund of Panama.</p>

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<p>To instruct the Director General: (i) to report to future regular meetings of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Center for Leadership in Agriculture; and (ii) to report on implementation of the provisions of this resolution.</p>	<p>In the year and one half it has been in operation, the Center has provided training for 718 young people in current agricultural issues, and has underscored the importance of basing one's actions on values, working as a team, creating trust, knowing how to listen, improving negotiating skills and other leadership tools.</p> <p>Twelve young leaders are currently participating in internships in countries other than their own for periods of three to twelve months, supporting agricultural projects with assistance from the IICA Office in the corresponding country.</p> <p>The governments of the Member States have received reports on the results achieved by the Center for Leadership. In addition, the Center produces a magazine entitled "Leadership in Agriculture," distributed throughout the hemisphere, which discusses values-based leadership tools and shares successful experiences of agribusiness and agricultural leaders in the Americas.</p>	

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<p>6 Resolution 486 “2007 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditor”</p> <p>To approve the 2007 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Resolution 486 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with the corresponding units of the Institute in memorandum SC/DG-655, of August 11, 2008, and with the external auditors in communication SC/DG-811, of September 19, 2008.</p>
<p>7. Resolution 487 “<i>Fourteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</i>”</p> <p>To approve the Fourteenth Annual Report of the ARC and to instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in that report. Also, to thank the members of the ARC for the effective work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Resolution 487 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and sent to the members of the ARC in communication SC/DG-864, of October 1, 2008, and to the Directorate of Administration and Finance in SC/DG-655, of August 11, 2008.</p>
<p>8 Resolution 488 “<i>Progress with the collection of quotas owed to IICA as of June 15, 2008</i>”</p> <p>To thank the Ministers of Agriculture, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and other high-level government officials in the Member States of IICA for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p> <p>To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>A report on progress in the collection of quotas owed to IICA as of March 31, 2009, was presented to the SACMI at its regular meeting held on May 1-2, 2009.</p> <p>The working document “Progress in the collection of quotas owed to IICA as of May 30, 2009” was submitted to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting. The document was accepted by the Executive Committee in Resolution No. 503.</p>	<p>Resolution 488 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and sent to the Directorate of Administration and Finance in SC/DG-655, of August 11, 2008.</p>

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<p>To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>		
<p>9. Resolution 489 “2008-2009 Special Budget financed with resources form the General Subfund” To approve the distribution of funds of the Special Budget included as the sole appendix to this resolution, for execution during the 2008-2009 biennium, and to be financed exclusively with such resources as IICA may obtain from the collection of quota arrearages.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to adopt the appropriate measures to ensure that the execution of the Special Budget does not negatively affect the normal execution of the Institute’s Program Budget for the period 2008-2009.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented The 2008-2009 Special Budget is being executed as programmed and is funded fully with resources derived from the collection of quota arrearages.</p> <p>To date, the execution of the Special Budget has not affected the normal execution of the 2008-2009 Program Budget approved by the IABA.</p>	<p>Resolution 489 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and sent to the Directorate of Administration and Finance in communication SC/DG-655, of August 12, 2008.</p>

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<p>10. Resolution 490 “Report of the Special Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To thank the SACMI and the members of the Steering Committee for the work accomplished.</p> <p>To approve the recommendations for improving technical expertise at IICA contained in the Report of the Special Meeting of the SACMI, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on April 22, 2008.</p> <p>To instruct the General Directorate to:</p> <p>(i) continue to implement the recommendations of the SACMI that do not require additional resources;</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented Those recommendations under the responsibility of the Director General are being implemented or have been implemented.</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented.</p> <p>(i) The Director General reported to the 2009 Meeting of the SACMI and the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Special Advisory Commission;</p>	<p>Resolution 490 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with both the Directors of Headquarters units and the IICA Representatives in the countries, in a letter from the Director General, SC/DG-661, of August 14, 2008.</p>

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<p>(ii) continue to provide the necessary support for the operations of the Steering Committee; and</p> <p>(iii) include in the proposed Program Budget for 2010-2011 the necessary financial resources for implementing the provisions of operative paragraph 2 of this resolution and thus give continuity to the work of the Steering Committee</p> <p>To expand the Steering Committee to include Brazil, Chile and the United States of America.</p>	<p>(ii) The General Directorate provided technical and logistic support for the operation of the Steering Committee;</p> <p>(iii) The required resources were included in the Program Budget for 2010. The resources for 2011 have not yet been allocated, considering that such decision will be up to the new administration that will take office on January 15, 2009.</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented Representatives of Brazil, Chile and the United States of America have joined the Steering Committee.</p>	
<p>11. Resolution 491 “Report of the 2008 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2008 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p> <p>The report was posted on the IICA Web site and taken under consideration by the Special Advisory Commission at its 2009 meeting, and by the Executive Committee at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting. The Executive Committee approved the report in Resolution No. 508.</p>	<p>Resolution 491 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008.</p> <p>This resolution was sent to the members of the SACMI in communication SC/DG-655, of August 11, 2008.</p>

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<p>12. Resolution 492 “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of agriculture (IABA) and the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC)”</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”, and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To express satisfaction with the progress achieved in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies referred to in operative paragraph 1.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p>	<p>Resolution 492 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 11, 2008, and distributed internally in memorandum SC/DG- 655, of August 11, 2008.</p>
<p>13. Resolution 493 “2008 Titles of Emeritus”</p> <p>To confer the title of “Emeritus” of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the privileges and prerogatives that that title implies, on Mrs. M. Susana Dancourt Iriarte and Messrs. H. Arlington D. Chesney, P. Lizardo de las Casas, Ernani M. da C. Fiori, Guillermo Grajales, Victor Manuel Tunarosa Murcia.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>These former staff members were formally notified by the Director General in communication 658, of August 11, 2008</p>	<p>Resolution 493 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008.</p>

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<p>14. Resolution 494 “Amendments to the regulations for conferring Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector”</p> <p>To approve the amendments to the current Regulations for Conferring Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector proposed in document IICA/CE/Doc.528 (08) Rev. 2, attached to this Resolution.</p> <p>To authorize the Director General to put into effect, as of this date, the version of the regulations that includes the approved amendments as the basis for the process for conferring Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector.</p> <p>To urge Member States, with the support of the IICA offices, to promote the selection of candidates and the granting of national awards that recognize individuals, groups and institutions for their outstanding contributions to the development of sustainable agriculture and rural life.</p> <p>To establish as a transitory provision, only for the present biennium, that the members of the Awards Selection Commission be selected in the preparatory session of the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Resolution 494 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and distributed internally in memorandum SC/DG- 655, of August 12, 2008.</p>

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<p>15. Resolution 495 “Date and site of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To hold the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in Mexico during the first half of 2009.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation to the Member States to participate in the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p> <p>To thank the Government of Mexico for its generous offer</p>	<p>Resolution implemented in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee</p> <p>Official letter 100-000030 was received in the Office of the Director General on January 22, 2009. In it, the Mexican government informed the Institute that it would not be able to host the meeting.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, inasmuch as the meeting could not be held in Mexico, the decision was made to hold the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters on July 14-16, 2009.</p>	<p>Resolution 495 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008 and shared with the Mexican government in communication SC/DG-041, dated January 26, 2009.</p>
<p>16. Resolution 496 “IICA-CATIE Strategic Partnership”</p> <p>To congratulate both the Director General of CATIE and the Director General of IICA on progress achieved in the execution of joint activities in aid of Member States.</p>	<p>Resolution Implemented</p>	<p>Resolution 496 was posted on the IICA Web site on August 8, 2008, and shared with the Director General of CATIE in communication SC/DG-644, dated August 13, 2008.</p>

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<p>To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to prepare and submit to the Executive Committee, at its next regular meeting, a joint program of action for 2009 and 2010. That program should: a) attach priority to the execution of joint activities in the following areas: (i) territorial rural development, natural resource management, the environment, climate change, and (ii) technological innovation, value chains and competitiveness; b) define a strategy and more appropriate management, administrative and operating mechanisms to ensure the necessary continuity and enhance the results of joint action.</p>	<p>At the end of 2008, a task force was set up to monitor relations between IICA and CATIE, and placed under the joint coordination of the Deputy Director Generals of both institutions. The task force has met every two months since then (it held its third meeting for this year in June), providing an opportunity to study in detail and continue initiatives under way, and to reach agreement on institutional priorities for the 2009-2010 biennium.</p> <p>The work plan drawn up by IICA and CATIE for complying with Executive Committee Resolution 496 was approved in Resolution 516 of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. This plan integrates current initiatives and defines priority areas for cooperation between the two institutions, as called for in the aforementioned Executive Committee resolution, to wit: territorial rural development, natural resource management, environment and climate change; innovation, technology, value chains and competitiveness; management of information and knowledge.</p>	

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<p>To mandate both the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to build a common knowledge management platform so as to facilitate access for all professionals, institutions and individuals working for agricultural and rural development in the Americas, as well as students pursuing professional and technical degrees related to agriculture, to the information and knowledge of both institutions.</p>	<p>In order to facilitate the implementation of initiatives in these areas, the work plan calls for the creation of a mechanism for ongoing coordination, encourages the development of strategic alliances with other universities and distance education programs, and promotes a comprehensive approach to food security.</p> <p>As regards the management of technical information, CATIE and IICA continue to administer Orton Memorial Library jointly and to operate the Agricultural Information and Documentation Service of the Americas (SIDALC). This information service, which today serves 23 countries and 158 institutions, has 265 data bases with 2.2 million entries and more than 100,000 full-text documents. The ARS USDA NAL project, which made it possible to preserve the inter-American collection and improve the infrastructure of the library, concluded. Two other projects prepared jointly by IICA and CATIE aimed at enhancing the services provided by the library were submitted to donors such as USAID-ASHA and the Elsevier Foundation for consideration.</p>	

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	<p>As a result of our relationship with Google, some 14,000 documents in the library have been digitized.</p> <p>Lastly, the Leadership in the Management of Agricultural Information Program, carried out in the Caribbean in conjunction with the CTA, provided training for 40 professionals from research institutes, universities and NGOs in the region.</p>	

Annex 1

Actions taken by IICA in response to the food security situation

As soon as it became apparent that instability in the supply and volatility in the prices of the major food crops for human consumption would affect the countries of the Americas, the Institute began to monitor closely the food security situation throughout the hemisphere. The Institute stated its position on the situation and underscored the need to attach top priority to agriculture and food security on the development agendas of the countries. It also stated its willingness to collaborate with the Member States in facing the situation as effectively as possible, and insisted on the need to formulate and implement strategies and policies aimed at coming up with sustainable medium- and long-term solutions to the food security problems of the countries.

Strategic lines of action in food security for IICA

Based on the 2006-2010 MTP and Resolution No. 482 of the Executive Committee, and following a thorough internal discussion of the areas of action for IICA, and limitations for same, during the 2008 Representatives' Meeting, three strategic lines of action were defined on which to focus the Institute's actions at the hemispheric, regional and national levels. The lines and their general objectives are:

- a. Institutional innovation for a new paradigm of technological change for food production and diversification. Objective: To improve the institutional framework related to research, "extension" and development of agricultural technology, with a view to increasing the availability and variety of foods produced by small- and medium-scale farmers.
- b. Institutional framework and services to better able small- and medium-scale farmers and family agriculture to become involved in the market. Objective: To contribute to increasing the incomes of small- and medium-scale farmers and those in the family agriculture sector, in order to ensure access to food and contribute to increasing the food supply.
- c. Analysis, monitoring and dissemination of policies and information on the state of and outlook for food security. Objective: To monitor and report on the state of and outlook for food security in IICA's member countries and facilitate hemispheric dialogue on this topic.

For each strategic line of action, a coordinator was named and tasked with drawing up an institutional proposal and ensuring that regional and national initiatives were consistent with Institute guidelines for each strategic line of action. To date, comprehensive proposals have been presented that include strategies, expected results, specific products, activities, budgets and strategic partners to be involved.

The Institute has placed emphasis on the consolidation of the first two strategic lines of action, with an eye to making sure that the actions intended to improve the competitiveness and the incomes of small- and medium-scale farmers and those in the family agriculture sector are both comprehensive and cross-cutting, by helping to develop and strengthen institutional frameworks that will facilitate their access to appropriate technologies and to services needed for agricultural production.

The regional programming meetings (first semester 2009) provided an opportunity to present the strategic lines of action, provide the Representatives and regional and local specialists with guidance on the preparation of proposals and food security projects, and to adjust the national and regional agendas to address emerging needs in this area. As a result, a number of projects and initiatives now exist for all three lines, many of which are being implemented or will be implemented in the coming months.

Monitoring and disseminating information on the situation

One of the needs identified by the countries is that of having access to accurate and timely information on the food security situation and to policy options for addressing it. In response, Food Security was included as a “hot technical topic” on IICA’s Web page. Included in this section is the Director General’s position on the issue, as well as the definition of food security from the Institute’s perspective. It also presents research and analyses conducted by the Institute, the actions undertaken by the Institute and its partners to address this issue at the hemispheric and regional levels, news and international events, links to the sites of other hemispheric and global organizations, and research and documents of other organizations and people that offer different perspectives on food security.

Progress has been made in developing an “Observatory of policies on and the state of food security” which will link the efforts of FAO and IICA with those of the CAS and the CAC. Units at Headquarters and in the Offices periodically update information on food security on their Web pages, and the September 2008 edition of the COMUNIICA magazine devoted three articles to this issue.

Technical cooperation in the countries and regions

In response to requests from the countries, support has been provided for actions they have undertaken to address food security emergencies and to develop sustainable medium-and long-term strategies and policies that will make it possible to achieve or guarantee an adequate level of food security. In addition, field research has been conducted in five countries (two regions per country) to estimate the true impact of the volatility of prices on the incomes of farmers.

At the regional level, the IICA Offices in the Andean countries, the Directorate of Operations and Integration for the Andean Region and the respective regional specialists have provided collaboration to the MoAs and the research and technology transfer institutions of the region to encourage the cultivation of ancestral crops with great potential for contributing to food security. The objective is to diversify the foods offered by vulnerable populations, applying technology to

native crops. IICA supports proposals to take advantage of the government food distribution programs in the region to improve the incomes of small- and medium-scale farmers.

In the Southern region, IICA supports the operation of a platform of institutional innovations for technological innovation (NARIs, PROCISUR-IICA); the dialogue on “rural extension” from the perspective of knowledge management and the incorporation of technologies into family agriculture; and the “professionalization” of farmers through the development of the capabilities needed to incorporate technology into different production chains. IICA aims to improve the income of family agriculture by having them supply of local markets.

In the Caribbean Region, efforts are under way to compile and disseminate information and knowledge related to agricultural technologies and good practices that can be adopted and applied by small- and medium-scale farmers to increase productivity and improve food security, with emphasis on greenhouse systems. Another area of action is the development and consolidation of production-trade links between farmers and the tourism sector. Of particular note is the direct support provided to Haiti in coordination with other countries and cooperating organizations (Prohuerta).

In the Central Region, a regional program dealing with institutional innovation and knowledge management in support of small- and medium-scale agriculture, which comprises two projects, will be launched: one on the development of innovations, capabilities and competences in technical assistance and extension, and the other on determining the availability of technology and the level of technology transfer in priority food production chains. Currently, we are working with the WFP in the implementation of a regional project aimed at improving the incomes of staple grain producers.

In the Northern Region, IICA is promoting the sharing of information on technology with the other countries of the Americas, via “e-extension.” It is also encouraging large companies to play a more active social role, through the development of programs in which small- and medium-scale farmers and producers supply food.

Search for external resources

IICA’s limited resources are insufficient to have a true impact on the food security situation. Therefore, in addition to allocating internal resources to fund activities in the area of food security, special emphasis has been placed on preparing project proposals and profiles aimed at seeking resources for the implementation of comprehensive and sustainable projects. This search for resources has been undertaken by the Directorate of External Financing and Investment Projects, and by the Offices and our hemispheric and regional specialists.

Coordination with other organizations and agencies

Aware that the demands of the countries far exceed its capabilities, of the need to avoid a duplication of efforts and of the multiplier effect of joint actions with other organizations, IICA has discussed and reached agreement with strategic partners and has coordinated with them policies, projects and joint activities at the hemispheric, regional and national levels. These

partners include WFP, FAO, ECLAC, World Bank, OAS, USDA, CAS, CAC, ODEPA, FORAGRO, PROCIs, SICTA, Cornell University, University of Florida, other universities in LAC, INTA-Argentina, NARIs, GFAR, INFOTEC partners and a number of national and local organizations.

Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (2009)

I. General Information

The Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from July 14-16, 2009. The Member States sitting on the Committee were Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and United States of America. Participating as observer Member States were Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago. France, Germany, Israel and Italy attended as Permanent Observers.

Mr. Mario Roberto Aldana Perez, Representative of Guatemala, served as Chair of the meeting, and Mr. Salvador Jimenez, Representative of Dominican Republic, as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in 2009

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<p>1. Resolution No. 497, “2002-2009 Management Report”</p> <p>To accept the 2002-2009 Management Report and to congratulate the Director General and the staff of the Institute on the work accomplished and their achievements, which were made possible thanks to the support provided by the Member States.</p> <p>To urge Member States to carry out initiatives for the technical, administrative and financial strengthening of the Institute to ensure that the Institute has the appropriate means with which to fulfill its mandate.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph in effect</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 497 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>

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<p>2. Resolution No. 498 “2008 Annual Report of IICA” To approve the 2008 IICA Annual Report.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 498 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009 and distributed among the Institute’s units via the Director General’s memorandum SC/DG-627 of July 23, 2009.</p>
<p>3. Resolution No. 499 “Strategic Framework of IICA” To congratulate the members of the Steering Committee and the technical staff at IICA on the work accomplished in moving forward with the development of the 2010-2020 Strategic Framework of IICA.</p> <p>To request that the Steering Committee and the Director General: (a) revise the proposed Strategic Framework so that it reflects the opinions, observations and suggestions expressed in this Executive Committee; and (b) that they submit that revised proposal to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for consideration at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph being implemented</i> The proposed 2010-2020 Strategic Framework of IICA is one of the working documents of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA wrote to the Directorate of Technical Leadership and Knowledge Management (memorandum SC/DG-627 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p> <p>Spanish and English versions of the Strategic Framework were uploaded to the Online System of the IABA on September 14, 2009.</p>
<p>4. Resolution No. 500 “2008 Financial Reports of IICA and Report of the External Auditors” To accept the 2008 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>The Director General of IICA wrote to the Directorate of Finance (memorandum SC/DG-629 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p>

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<p>on said Financial Statements, and send them to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for its information.</p>		<p>Spanish and English versions of the Institute's financial statements for 2007 and 2008 were uploaded to the Online System of the IABA on September 14, 2009.</p>
<p>5. Resolution No. 501 "Fifteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)" To approve the Fifteenth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in that report.</p> <p>To request that all future reports of the ARC contain a list including all of the External Auditor's most significant recommendations on matters which affect the financial viability and the integrity of the financial information for the year covered by the report, together with any such recommendations from prior years still pending satisfactory resolution. The list shall indicate: (i) the status of implementation for each recommendation; and (ii) the staff member or office responsible for implementation, so that such staff member or office so indicated may be held accountable for its timely implementation.</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented.</i></p> <p><i>Decision in effect and being implemented</i></p> <p><i>Implementation of operative paragraph pending</i> The resolution will be implemented in preparing the ARC's sixteenth report, in the first half of 2010.</p>	<p>The Director General wrote to the Directorate of Finance (memorandum SC/DG-630 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution and instructing the unit to implement it in a timely fashion, as specified in the text.</p> <p>The Directorate de Finance sent the members of the ARC copies of the resolution with the following communications: SC/DG-748 of August 28, 2009 (Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez); SC/DG-765 of August 31, 2009 (Mr. Tracy LaPoint) and SC/DG-764 of August 31, 2009 (Ms. Sharman Ottley).</p>

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<p>6. Resolution 502 “Election of a new member of the Auditor Review Committee”</p> <p>To elect Ms. Pamela D. M. Monroe Ellis to occupy the position of member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by all the Member States minus the six largest contributors for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2010 and concluding on December 31, 2015.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>The Director General of IICA wrote to the Directorate of Finance (memorandum SC/DG-631 of July 23, 2009) and Ms. Pamela Monroe Ellis (communication SC/DG-761 of August 31, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution in each case.</p> <p>The resolution was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>
<p>7. Resolution 503 “Progress with the collection of quotas owed to IICA as of June 30, 2009”</p> <p>To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs and 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.</p> <p>To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph in effect</i> The General Directorate has continued to implement these decisions in its efforts to collect quotas owed to IICA by the Member States.</p>	<p>Resolution No. 503 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>

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<p>To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years, and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their quota contributions to the Institute and follow through with the plans agreed with the General Directorate for the payment of quotas owed from previous years.</p>	<p><i>Operative paragraph in effect</i></p> <p>The Directorate of Administration and Finance will present to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA an up-to-date report on the status of the collection of quotas from the Member States.</p> <p><i>Operative paragraph in effect</i></p>	<p>Spanish and English versions of the report were uploaded to the Online System of the IABA, as a working document, on September 14, 2009.</p>
<p>8. Resolution 504 “2010-2011 Program Budget”</p> <p>To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture adopt a resolution to:</p> <p>Approve the amount of US\$33,398,239 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation for the 2010-2011 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,298,239 per year, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as Appendix A, and Miscellaneous Income in the amount of US\$6,100,000 per year, consisting of US\$4,100,000 in expected income per year and US\$2,000,000 a year from the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p>Implementation of this resolution depends on the decision of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA with regard to the proposal.</p>	<p>Resolution No. 504 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The Spanish and English versions of the 2010-2011 Proposed Program Budget were uploaded to the Online System of the IABA on September 14, 2009, as working documents for consideration by the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Board.</p>

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<p>Approve the use of resources for the 2010 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.541(09), entitled "2010-2011 Proposed Program Budget."</p> <p>Instruct the Director General to submit to the Executive Committee, for consideration at its Thirtieth Regular Meeting, a detailed proposal on the allocation of funds approved for the 2011 Program Budget, consistent with the priorities in the Institute's new Medium-Term Plan.</p> <p>Authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than ten per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>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 2010 and 2011 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>		

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<p>9. Resolution 505 “Appointment of External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2010-2011 Biennium”</p> <p>To appoint the firm of Deloitte and Touche as external auditors of the Institute and CATIE for the 2010-2011 biennium.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 505 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The Director General wrote to the Directorate of Finance (memorandum SC/DG-635 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p> <p>The Directorate of Finance informed Deloitte & Touche of the decision.</p>
<p>10. Resolution 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</p> <p>To adopt and put into effect immediately, subject to approval by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, the Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA).</p> <p>To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented and in effect</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 506 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture informed the authorities responsible for organic agriculture in the Member States of the contents of the resolution.</p>

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<p>11. Resolution 507 “Amendment of the Statute of Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues”</p> <p>To adopt the amendments to the Statute of the SACMI.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to present a copy of this resolution to the IABA, for its information, at its next regular meeting.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution 507 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>Spanish and English versions of the resolution were also uploaded to the Online System of the IABA, as working documents, on September 14, 2009, as the Executive Committee instructed.</p>
<p>12. Resolution 508 “Report of the 2009 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2009 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 508 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>
<p>13. Resolution 509 “Conferring Appointment and Title of Emeritus”</p> <p>To confer the title of “Emeritus” of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the privileges and prerogatives that that title implies, on Messrs. Enrique Alarcon Millan, Jorge Ardila Vasquez, Roberto Casas Bernada, Mariano Olazabal Balcazar, Sergio Sepulveda Silva and Guillermo</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The officials mentioned were added to the list of “Emeritus” IICA officials.</p>	<p>Resolution No. 509 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009. On July 24, 2009, the Director General sent a letter to each of the former IICA officials upon whom the title of “Emeritus” was conferred.</p>

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<p>14. Resolution 510 “2008-2009 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector”</p> <p>To extend the deadline for nominating candidates for the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector to 15 October 2009.</p> <p>To urge the Member States to submit nominations to the General Directorate of IICA of candidates of sufficient merit for the abovementioned inter-American awards;</p> <p>To convene the Selection Committee during the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), so that it can study the nominations and make the corresponding recommendations to the IABA.</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph being implemented</i> During Representatives’ Week 2009, held at Headquarters from August 18-21, the 34 IICA Representatives in the Member States were informed of the contents of the resolution and asked to help facilitate and support the process of nominating suitable candidates for the awards in the countries.</p> <p><i>Implementation of operative paragraph pending</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 510 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>Note: The following Member States make up the Selection Committee: Peru (Andean Region); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Caribbean Region); El Salvador (Central Region); United States of America (Northern Region) and Chile (Southern Region).</p>

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<p>15. Resolution 511 “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture,” and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p> <p>To express satisfaction with the progress achieved in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 511 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>
<p>16. Resolution 512 “Donation of a Plot of Land in Turrialba for the Construction of a Hospital”</p> <p>To recommend that at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture:</p> <p>(1) Approve the transfer of the five hectares of land to the entity indicated by the Government of Costa Rica, in permanent usufruct, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>a. That the land is to be used exclusively to construct</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p>Implementation of this resolution is subject to the IABA taking a decision on the matter at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p>Resolution No. 512 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009. The Director General of IICA wrote to the Director General of CATIE and the Minister of Agriculture of Costa Rica (memorandum SC/DG-644 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p>

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and operate a public hospital/medical center for the population of Turrialba and neighboring areas; and,		
<p>b. That the usufruct arrangement will cease and the land will revert to IICA if the land requested is used for purposes other than those specified in subparagraph “a.” above and/or the hospital/medical center is not constructed and operational within five years of the date on which the rights to the use of land are transferred.</p> <p>(2) Instruct the Director General, in his capacity as the legal representative of the Institute, to take the actions necessary to execute the approved transfer of rights.</p>		
<p>17. Resolution 513 “Date and Site of the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To hold the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in San Jose, Costa Rica during the first half of 2010.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in the Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p><i>Resolution in effect.</i></p> <p>The Director General elect will be responsible for implementing Resolution No. 513, pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Resolution No. 513 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>

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<p>18. Resolution 514 “2008-2009 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute”</p> <p>To thank the management and staff of CARDI for presenting the “2008-2009 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)”</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 514 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p>
<p>To congratulate the Executive Director of CARDI on the contents and presentation of that biennial report.</p> <p>To continue support for the collaborative activities between IICA and CARDI.</p> <p>To urge CARDI and CATIE to strengthen their institutional ties and joint programs of action.</p>		<p>The Director General of IICA wrote to the Director General of CARDI (communication SC/DG-643 of July 24, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p>
<p>19. Resolution 515 “2007-2008 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <p>To thank the authorities and personnel of CATIE for presenting the 2007-2008 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 515 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009.</p> <p>The Director General of IICA wrote to the Director General of CATIE (communication SC/DG-643 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p>

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<p>To congratulate the Director General of CATIE on the contents and presentation of that Biennial Report.</p> <p>To urge CATIE and CARDI to strengthen their institutional ties and joint programs of action.</p>		
<p>20. Resolution 516 “2009-2010 IICA-CATIE Joint Program of Action”</p> <p>To accept the 2009-2010 Joint IICA-CATIE Program of Action and to instruct the Directors General of IICA and CATIE to ensure that it is carried out.</p> <p>To congratulate the Director General of IICA as well as the Director General of CATIE on progress achieved in building a common knowledge management platform to facilitate access for all professionals, institutions and individuals working for agricultural and rural development in the Americas, as well as students pursuing professional and technical careers related to agriculture, to the information and knowledge of both institutions.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	<p>Resolution No. 516 of the Executive Committee was posted on IICA’s Web Portal on July 28, 2009 and the Director General of IICA wrote to the Director General of CATIE (memorandum SC/DG-644 of July 23, 2009), attaching a copy of the resolution.</p>

