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**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
TWELFTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA**

**Guayaquil, Ecuador**



Resolution	Operative Paragraph	Progress achieved / Action pending
<p><b>Resolution No. 384</b> Consolidation of the Institute's Transformation Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To endorse the efforts undertaken by the Director General, with support from the Member States and within the framework of the present Convention, to transform IICA and equip it with the technical capabilities it needs to support its Member States more effectively.</li> <li>2. To recognize the importance of the "Working Together" strategy that IICA has been implementing as a means of improving the service that the group of international organizations provides to the Member States and, in order to strengthen that strategy, to instruct the Director General to actively promote IICA partnerships with multilateral and regional financial organizations.</li> <li>3. To urge the Member States to lend the support needed to consolidate the transformation of the Institute and achieve the expected results, and, through their participation in the governing bodies of financial institutions to encourage the latter to strengthen their ties with the Institute and their involvement in the execution of high-priority agricultural and rural development projects</li> </ol>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect</b> The Director General reported to the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, May 13-14) on progress to date, and will do the same at the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect</b> The Director General will report to the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA on progress in strengthening IICA's relationship with the financial agencies.</p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 3.</b> <b>First part:</b> The Director General will report to the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA on progress in this area. <b>Second part:</b> Implementation pending.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 385</b> Hemispheric Information System on Agricultural Policies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To entrust the General Directorate, with support from the institutions of the Member States, with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implementing and maintaining an information system on agricultural policies, the agencies that formulate them, experiences related to their implementation, and the availability of high-level experts on these subjects; and.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented</b></p> <p>At the meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of the South (Uruguay, March 26, 2004), IICA submitted a proposal calling for the establishment of the Hemispheric Information System on Agricultural Policies. The proposal called for work to begin in 2004 in the <i>Southern Area</i>, followed by the other regions of the Institute.</p>

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		<p><i>Work in the regions:</i></p> <p><b><i>Southern Region:</i></b></p> <p>That same year (2004), with the members of the Network for Coordination of Agricultural Policies of the Southern Cone (REDPA), a work plan was defined to implement the resolution, and the structure of matrixes for four basic modules was established to gather information on policies that affect the agricultural sector and on policies aimed at development of the sector. The modules are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MODULE I: macroeconomic policies</li> <li>• MODULE II: trade policies</li> <li>• MODULE III: general development policies (horizontal)</li> <li>• MODULE IV: sectoral policies or policies targeting chains (vertical)</li> </ul> <p>In 2004, the agricultural policies of the five Southern Region countries, plus Bolivia, were inventoried, and presented at the meetings of the Council of Ministers of the South (CAS).</p> <p>In 2005, work is under way with REDPA to update the information and define a fifth module that will gather macroeconomic data from the country and list qualitative information on policies that affect the sector directly or indirectly.</p> <p>IICA was asked to develop an Internet-based remote management system that will enable those charged with keeping national information up to date to do so from their Offices.</p> <p>IICA presented a prototype of the system in April 2005, and in mid-July (REDPA meeting, Asuncion, Paraguay), delivered the final version.</p>

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		<p>The system will be tested for the rest of the year and any adjustments required by REDPA will be made.</p> <p><b><i>Central Region</i></b></p> <p>In February 2005, a first meeting was held with the staff of IICA's Offices to design the work strategy.</p> <p>At the meeting, the modules and the structure of the matrixes for each of them were analyzed and adjusted to conditions in the region, and efforts to gather information in the countries of the region began. These activities are scheduled to conclude at the end of 2005.</p> <p>Contacts continue with the public units responsible for defining, executing and/or monitoring agricultural policy, with a view to convening a meeting in the second semester of 2005 to review the inventory of policies from the region and establish a joint work plan for 2006.</p> <p><b><i>Andean Region</i></b></p> <p>In April 2005, the first coordination meeting was held with specialists from the IICA Offices in the region and personnel from the Ministry of Agriculture to analyze the structure of the matrixes.</p> <p>In June, efforts got under way in Ecuador and Peru to gather information, and will continue during the second semester in the remaining countries (except Bolivia, which is participating in the Southern Region).</p>

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	<p>b. Continuing the efforts under way to strengthen horizontal cooperation in this field.</p>	<p><b><i>Caribbean and Northern Regions</i></b></p> <p>In early 2005, the first contacts were made in the <b><i>Caribbean Area</i></b> to implement the activity, to take place in 2006.</p> <p>No activities were carried out in 2005 in the <b><i>Northern Area</i></b> to comply with Resolution 385. These activities will be programmed late in the year and will be executed in 2006.</p> <p><b><i>Within the Institute</i></b></p> <p>Exchanges of experiences at the regional level are encouraged. The goal was to start in the Southern Area in 2004 and, on the basis of that experience, continue in the other regions in 2005 and 2006.</p> <p>These efforts are being coordinated by the Trade Policies and Negotiations Unit (Headquarters), and implemented at the regional level by IICA's regional specialists in trade policies and negotiations.</p> <p>A specialist at Headquarters monitors efforts in all the regions and supports activities at the regional level.</p> <p>Work at the national level is coordinated by the respective regional specialists and supported by the corresponding IICA Office.</p> <p><b><i>Between regions</i></b></p> <p>A specialist from Bolivia attended the Andean Area meeting for the purpose of presenting his country's experience in gathering information and participating in REDPA.</p> <p>Efforts at the national level involve personnel from the agricultural policy units of the Ministries of Agriculture and the staff of the IICA Offices.</p>

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	<p>2. To pledge to provide the General Directorate of the Institute with the information required for operating the system and to collaborate in its development and implementation.</p>	<p>The Internet-based remote management system requested by the Southern Area will also be used in the other regions; this with a view to developing a system that will be as uniform as possible, for purposes of consultation.</p> <p><b><u>This operative paragraph is a mandate for the Ministers and not for IICA.</u></b> Nonetheless, we can report that in the Southern Area the ministers of agriculture of the MERCOSUR countries, Chile and Bolivia have provided their full support for the activities undertaken to comply with the resolution.</p> <p>In the Central, Caribbean and Andean Regions, communication with the ministers has been fluid and we expect this will continue throughout execution of the activities to comply with the resolution.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 386.</b> Agricultural Biotechnology And Biosafety</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To entrust IICA with convening meetings, in consultation with its Member States, to discuss the importance of agricultural biotechnology, and its impact on trade and development.</li> <li>2. To ask IICA to disseminate among its Member States the arrangement signed by the three countries of North America to facilitate trade and the transboundary movement of LMOs, with a view to considering the possibility of implementing such measures</li> <li>3. To establish a task force comprised of IICA staff and interested Member States to develop a plan for agricultural biotechnology and biosafety in the hemisphere.</li> <li>4. To urge the Member States to contribute to IICA the additional resources necessary to support the activities considered under this resolution</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See, in Annex 1, a detailed report on progress in the implementation of this resolution.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Resolution No. 387.</b> Implementation of and Follow-up to the Agro 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p>	<p>1. To entrust IICA with continuing to provide support to the ministers of agriculture in the process to implement the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p> <p>2. To instruct the Ministerial Delegates and their hemispheric forum (GRICA), assisted by the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, to present to the Third Ministerial Meeting a progress report on the implementation of the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action and the proposal for updating it.</p>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph 1. Implementation ongoing/Provision in effect</b></p> <p>The Director General asked the ministers of agriculture to appoint their Ministerial Delegates and technical teams for the 2004-2005 Ministerial Process. Meetings were held with the Ministerial Delegates that requested support in implementing the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda.</p> <p>IICA has been supporting the countries' efforts to implement the AGRO 2015 Plan through specific actions set out in the National Agendas, which address the different topics targeted by the AGRO Plan. To consolidate this effort, the Director General sent a note to all IICA Representatives in the countries, explaining the support to be provided for the implementation efforts that will be led by the Ministerial Delegates and the technical teams of the ministries of agriculture.</p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 2. Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p>Support was provided to all the Ministerial Delegates in preparing their National Progress Reports on compliance with the 2003-2005 Hemispheric agenda, the executive summary on compliance with mandate 43 of the Declaration of Nuevo Leon, and the challenges they face in implementing the 12 sections of the Hemispheric Agenda. To date, twenty-nine countries have submitted 65 reports. On the basis of these reports, the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting prepared, with the Ministerial Delegates, the baseline documents for the 2005 GRICA meeting, held on July 7-8, chaired by the Deputy Ministers of Agriculture of Panama and Ecuador.</p>



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	<p>3. To ask the Interagency Group on Rural Development, comprised of the World Bank, the IDB, ECLAC, FAO, IFAD, GTZ, IICA and USAID, to draw up a proposal for an interagency agenda, with a view to gradually aligning international cooperation with the actions established in the Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.</p>	<p>As support for the efforts to monitor implementation of the AGRO Plan, IICA and ECLAC organized a workshop to define and systematize monitoring indicators. PAHO, FAO and UNESCO have joined this effort.</p> <p>These five international organizations (IICA, ECLAC, PAHO, FAO and UNESCO) are drafting a first proposal for a system of indicators for monitoring the AGRO Plan.</p> <p>IICA also reports to the National Summits Coordinators, meeting as the Summit Implementation and Review Group (SIRG), on the progress being made in the Ministerial Process and in implementing the Plan. On the basis of the extensive response of the countries, a presentation was made to the 37<sup>th</sup> GRIC (in Buenos Aires) regarding the mandates for agriculture and rural life, as part of the social component of the Declaration of Nuevo Leon.</p> <p>The Foreign Office of Argentina has presented a draft Declaration of Mar del Plata, which is to be signed by the Heads of State and Government at the Fourth Summit of the Americas, and has requested inputs from the members of the SIRG. In this connection, the Secretariat has requested that space be reserved to reflect the results of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life.</p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 3. Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p>As a member of the Interagency Group, IICA took part in the Group's Round Table, which was held during the meeting of the IDB's Board of Governors, in Lima, Peru, in March 2004. In its capacity as Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, IICA informed the group of the request made by the Ministers in this operative paragraph.</p>

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	<p>4. To adopt the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action as the Common Agenda to be used as an instrument of joint and common action by the nations of the hemisphere in the four ministerial forums, as a support for the transformation of agriculture and the improvement of rural life.</p>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph 4. Implementation ongoing</b></p> <p>IICA collaborated with the Ministry of Campesino, Indigenous and Agricultural Affairs of Bolivia in organizing the Seventh Ibero-American Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture. In this connection, the Foreign Office and Ministry of Agriculture of Costa Rica were informed of the role of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan as the framework for a specific agreement at the Fourteenth Ibero-American Summit. As a result of a successful effort, a special communiqué on agriculture and rural life was issued by the Presidents, meeting as the Fourteenth Ibero-American Summit.</p> <p>At the FAO Regional Forum, the Secretariat participated in the technical meetings, informing the FAO Deputy Director-General and the FAO Representative for Latin America of the importance of the AGRO Plan and efforts to implement it.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 388.</b> 2001 and 2002 Financial Statements of the Institute and Reports of the External Auditors</p>	<p>To approve the Financial Statements of the Institute for 2001 and 2002 and the Reports of the External Auditors on said financial statements.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 389.</b> Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</p>	<p>1. To accept the Eighth and Ninth Annual Reports of the Audit Review Committee.</p> <p>2. To thank the members of the Audit Review Committee for their valuable work.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p> <p>The Director General thanked the members of the ARC on behalf of the IABA.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 390.</b> 2004-2005 Program Budget</p>	<p>1. To approve the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,167,572 per year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached hereto as "Appendix A," and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$2,832,428 per year.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>

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	<p>2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2004-2005 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters, line items and Strategic Areas detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.276(03) "Draft Program Budget for the 2004-2005 Biennium," the summary of which, by Chapter, is attached as "Appendix B."</p> <p>3. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the Program Budget, provided that total transfers neither increase nor reduce the affected Chapters by more than ten per cent, and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. To 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 2004 and 2005 fall below estimated levels for the biennium. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p><b>Implemented</b></p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 3. Provision in force</b></p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 4. Provision in force</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 391.</b> Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund</p>	<p>1. To approve the proposed special expenditures to be financed by the General Subfund, in the amount of US\$3,000,000.00 for the 2004-2005 biennium, earmarking them for the programs detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.277(03) "Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund,"".</p> <p>2. To provide that the funds earmarked according to the aforementioned distribution are not to be restored to the Working Subfund.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to adopt such measures as may be required to ensure that the execution of the special budget does not affect the normal execution of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget.</p>	<p><b>Resolution pending implementation</b> Implementation depends on the collection of quota arrearages. To date, only US\$300,000 of the resources of this special budget have been earmarked for agricultural health and food safety, and for biotechnology. The Institute's cash flow situation has made it impossible to allocate additional funds.</p>

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<b>Resolution 392.</b> Proposal for the Collection of Quota Contributions owed to the Institute	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To urge the Member States that owe quotas to IICA to pay their pending quotas as soon as possible, to enable the Institute to fully comply with its mandates.</li> <li>2. To adopt the measures contained in the Appendix to this resolution.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation of Resolution ongoing</b></p> <p>The Director General and the Director of Finance presented a report on the collection of quota arrearages to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, and to the meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI).</p> <p>The members of the delegations of the Member States sitting on the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA will receive updated information on the collection of quota arrearages through July 2005, and on compliance with the measures contained in the present Resolution.</p>
<b>Resolution 393.</b> Measures Approved by the IABA for Restructuring the Finances of the Institute.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the measures contained in the appendix to this resolution and instruct the Director General to take the steps necessary to fulfill same.</li> <li>2. To urge the Member States to: a) make extra-quota financial contributions to fund high-priority programs and projects; b) provide the Institute, free of charge, office space suitable for its operations; and, c) make contributions in cash, assets and of other kinds to strengthen the Institute's Patrimonial Fund.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation of Resolution ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 2: Pending</b></p> <p>To date, no extra-quota contributions have been received from the Member States.</p>
<b>Resolution No. 394.</b> Extension of the Term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To extend the term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) for a further two years, from the date of this resolution and until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Advisory Commission's Statute.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented</b></p> <p>This Resolution was forwarded to the 34 Member States.</p> <p>The Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues held its regular meeting for 2004 on May 25-26 and its meeting for 2005 on March 17-18, both at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. The report of the latter meeting was accepted by the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in Resolution 438.</p>

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	2. To thank the Advisory Commission for its work and, in particular, for its attention in studying and improving the measures for restructuring the finances of Institute.	<b>Operative Paragraph 2. Implemented</b> The IABA's appreciation was communicated to the members of the Advisory Commission in letter SC/DG-850, dated August 10, 2004..
<b>Resolution No. 395.</b> Reports on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and of the Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee	1. To accept the reports: (i) "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)," and (ii) "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee."  2. To express its satisfaction with the implementation of the resolutions.	<b>Resolution implemented</b>
<b>Resolution No. 396.</b> Membership Table of the Executive Committee	1. To approve the attached new Membership Table of the Executive Committee for the 2004-2018 period.	<b>Resolution implemented</b> The Executive Committee's new membership table was sent by the Director General to all the Member States by letter N° 1427, dated 15 December 2003.
<b>Resolution No. 397.</b> Rotation Mechanism for Appointing the Representatives of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) To the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)	1. To adopt the following table that identifies the IICA Members States that are not members of CATIE that should appoint the person who will represent the IABA on the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE, for the term specified therein  2. To entrust the Director General of IICA with: (i) informing the Institute's Member States of the table approved in the foregoing operative paragraph for appointing the IABA's representatives to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE; and (ii) henceforth with requesting candidates to perform these duties on CATIE's governing bodies according to the above rotation table.	<b>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect</b>  <b>Operative Paragraph 2.</b> (i) The new table, identifying those countries responsible for appointing representatives of the IABA, was sent by the Director General of IICA to IICA's 34 Member States. (ii) Mr. Rodolfo Coto, Minister of Agriculture of Costa Rica and Chairman of the Governing Council of CATIE, asked the Government of Canada to appoint the person who will represent the IABA on CATIE's Governing Council.

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		(iii) Canada has yet to appoint the person who will represent the IABA on CATIE's Governing Council.
<b>Resolution No. 398.</b> 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To declare the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector void.</li> <li>2. To entrust the Director General with the task of actively promoting the presentation of candidates for the awards for the 2004-2005 period.</li> <li>3. To urge the Member States to undertake effective processes in each country with a view to selecting suitably qualified candidates for the Inter-American Awards.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Implementation of Resolution ongoing</b></p> <p>The nominees for the 2002-2003 Awards were considered along with the nominees for the 2004-2005 Inter-American Awards, in selecting the winners of the 2003-2005 Awards.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, approved Resolution 439, bestowing the 2003-2005 Inter-American Awards as follows:</p> <p>a) The 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Medal on Miguel Holle Osterdart, from Peru; b) The 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development on Fresia Enriqueta del Carmen Zuniga Perez, from Chile; c) The 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals on Ximena Rocio Cadima Fuentes, from Bolivia; d) The 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development on the Artificial Insemination Center of the Universidad Austral of Chile;</p> <p>It also bestowed the following honorable mentions: a) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Agricultural Medal: Mr. Nelson Estrada Ramos, from Colombia; b) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development: Mrs. Grace Cereceda Sangster de Cabanilla, from Ecuador; c) for the 2003-2005 Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development: Sandals Resort International of St. Lucia.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution No. 399.</b> Date and Site of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</p>	<p>1. To accept and thank the Government of Ecuador for its generous offer to host the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p> <p>2. To hold the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in Guayaquil during the second semester of 2005.</p>	<p><b>Implementation of Resolution ongoing</b>  At the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Government of Ecuador and the Director General of IICA reported on progress in preparing for both the Third Ministerial Meeting held within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process, and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, in its capacity as preparatory committee for the IABA, in Resolution 441, approved the provisional agenda for the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>The Government of Ecuador, by Presidential Decree, declared the Third Ministerial Meeting held within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA a matter of national priority.</p> <p>IICA is working closely with the Ecuadoran government, in particular the Minister of Agriculture Pablo Rizzo Pastor, to iron out technical, logistical and administrative details of the meeting.</p> <p>The Government of Ecuador, by Resolution No. 266, declared the Third Ministerial Meeting held within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA a matter of national interest.</p> <p><b>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect</b>  The meeting is scheduled to take place in Ecuador on August 30- September 1, 2005.</p>

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<b>Resolution No. 400.</b> Modifications of the Financial Rules and the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate on Miscellaneous Income	1.To approve the modifications to the Financial Rules and to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate set out in Annex A.	<b>Resolution implemented</b> The approved amendments have been incorporated into both the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and the Financial Rules.
<b>Resolution No. 401.</b> Associate Personnel	1.To amend Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate, on the Institute’s personnel, as follows:  a. To eliminate Article 14 (a)(iv)  b. To add the following section (d) to Article 14:  c. ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL - volunteers, including former IICA staff members who wish to donate their services to IICA, and employees and contractors of partner institutions or entities, provided by same to IICA in compliance with the provisions of the Staff Rules.  2.To urge the General Directorate to create a roster of experts available in the agricultural sector to provide their services, while on sabbatical, to the member countries.	<b>Resolution Implemented</b> The Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate referring to Institute personnel have been updated to include the amendments approved by Resolution 401.  <b>Operative paragraph 2: Being implemented</b>
<b>Resolution No. 402.</b> 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)	1.To thank CATIE for the document “2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).”  2. To congratulate the Director General of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.	<b>Resolution implemented</b> The Director General of CATIE was informed of the contents of this Resolution by letter N° 1359 dated 2 December 2003, signed by the Director General in his capacity as Ex Officio Secretary of the IABA.
<b>Resolution No. 403.</b> 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)	1.To thank CARDI for the “2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).”.	<b>Resolution implemented</b> The Executive Director of CARDI was informed of the contents of this Resolution by letter N° 1369 dated 3 December 2003, signed by the Director General in his capacity as Ex Officio Secretary of the IABA.



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	2. To congratulate the Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.	
<p><b>Resolution 404.</b> Participation in the Forum of the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development (FORAGRO)</p>	<p>To take note of the report containing the conclusions of the Third International Meeting of FORAGRO and urge the Member States and IICA to increase their participation in this Forum.</p>	<p>IICA and the countries continued to promote FORAGRO through the active participation of public and private stakeholders that make up the Forum. Also, IICA continued to support the operation of the Technical Secretariat as part of the hemispheric cooperation agenda of the Directorate of Technology and Innovation. In the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Forum, the following actions stand out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the regional scientific and technological information system (INFOTEC).</li> <li>• Biennial report on the state of and outlook for agriculture from the perspective of R&amp;D.</li> <li>• Promotion of hemispheric dialogue at the Fourth International Meeting of FORAGRO, in Panama in April 2005, held jointly with the Government of Panama, through the IDIAP, and thanks to partnerships with FONTAGRO, PROCIs, CGIAR and GFAR.</li> <li>• Efforts to improve the connectivity of the region with the global research system, undertaking actions with the forums of Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, CIRAD (France), AECI (Spain), European Union, CGIAR (Washington), GCDT (Rome), Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, USDA, EMBRAPA, among others, within the framework of the Fourth Meeting of FORAGRO.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership between FORAGRO and PARLATINO (Agricultural Committees of Latin American Parliaments)</li> <li>• Participation in World Bank meeting Evaluating the Impact of Research on the Reduction of Poverty and Hunger (IAASTD).</li> <li>• Joint studies with the PROCIs on the state of the art in LAC and on defining hemispheric lines of action in four priority topics of FORAGRO: genetic resources, new agrobiotechnologies, agribusiness and innovation and natural resources management.</li> <li>• Development of proposal for inter-continental cooperation in the design and management of institutional innovations for the development of technological innovations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resolution 405.</b> Tribute to Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the support provided by Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson, Auditor General, General Secretariat of CAROSAI, who sat on the Audit Review Committee from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2003.</li> <li>2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Thompson, and offer sincere thanks for her contributions to the consolidation of the Audit Review Committee, and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b> The IABA's gratitude was communicated to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago by letter N° 1362, dated 3 December 2003, signed by the Director General of IICA.</p> <p>This acknowledgement was communicated to Mrs. Thompson by letter N° 1397, dated 4 December 2003.</p>
<p><b>Resolution 406.</b> Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of Panama</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To respectfully thank the Government and people of the Republic of Panama for their extraordinary hospitality and, in particular, the President of Panama, Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, for her distinguished and enlightened participation in this event of critical importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Resolution implemented</b></p>

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Operative Paragraph</b>	<b>Progress achieved / Action pending</b>
	<p>2. To express its appreciation to the Minister of Agricultural Development, Mrs. Lynette Maria Stanziola Apolayo, for her readiness to engage in constructive dialogue with her colleagues, and for her fair and efficient exercise of the chairmanship of the meeting; to the diligent staff of the Ministries of Agricultural Development and Foreign Relations and the Panamanian Tourism Institute; and to other public and private institutions of the Republic of Panama, for their warm welcome and generous support, which were a key factor in the success of the Second Ministerial Meeting held within the context of the Summit of the Americas process and the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<p>The Resolution was read out in the presence of the Minister at the last Regular Meeting of the IABA (Panama City, 13 November 2004).</p>

## ANNEX 1

### Resolution No. 386 Agricultural Biotechnology and Biosafety

1. To entrust IICA with convening meetings, in consultation with its Member States, to discuss the importance of agricultural biotechnology, and its impact on trade and development.
  - Meetings have been held to analyze the importance of biotechnology and its impact on agricultural development, the sustainable use of plant genetic resources and trade, as follows:
    - Hemispheric meetings on trade-related and technical aspects of the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB). Buenos Aires, February 2004 and February 2005; Montreal May-June 2005 Pre and Cop Mop Meetings of CPB.
    - Support for the Latin American Meeting on Biotechnology REDBIO 2004, held in June in the Dominican Republic, through presentations, transmission of the meeting to the countries via Internet, and mobilization of country experts.
    - IICA technical forum on biotechnology, April 2005, transmitted to 34 countries, with the participation of international experts.
    - USDA-Costa Rica-IICA Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology to Increase Agricultural Productivity, which also addressed the subject of biotechnology.
  - The topic of the impact of biotechnology on innovation and trade has been presented at the following national and international forums and meetings.
    - **In 2004:** Annual Meeting of PCCMCA on LMOs and Trade; REDBIO Meeting-Dominican Republic Chapter; World Congress of Agronomy, in Fortaleza, Brazil; SICTA Meeting in El Salvador; IICA Northern Area Meeting and IICA-USDA-Biotechnology Group Meeting, Washington, USA.
    - **In 2005:** Forum, University of Costa Rica. Fourth International Meeting of FORAGRO, Panama; IICA Executive Committee, Brazil
  - Other actions:
    - a. Studies and publications:
      - Within the framework of FORAGRO and with support from IICA, a study was prepared on the institutional situation of the agrobiotechnologies in LAC, and the results of the Fourth Meeting in Panama were distributed. Currently being edited.
      - Latin America and the Caribbean: New agrobiotechnologies, challenges, trends and institutional considerations.
    - b. Participation of countries in CPB meetings
      - Support was provided for professionals from the countries to attend the Meeting of the Parties to the CPB, in Malaysia, and then the technical and pre-meetings of the CPB in Montreal.
    - c. Dissemination of information:
      - More information on biotechnology has been placed on INFOTEC and the Web page on biotechnology.

2. To ask IICA to disseminate among its Member States the arrangement signed by the three countries of North America to facilitate trade and the transboundary movement of LMOs, with a view to considering the possibility of implementing such measures.
  - The Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement on the implementation of article 18.2 a. of the CPB was disseminated via the INFOTEC weekly bulletin, and in several of the forums and meetings mentioned above.
  - A web page on biotechnology and biosafety was designed and launched on the IICA web site [www.iica.int/biotecnologia](http://www.iica.int/biotecnologia).
  - A proposal for inter-thematic action by IICA was prepared for addressing the IABA resolution. Action will focus on workshops to support decision-makers within the ministries of agriculture, and related agencies on the documentation and implementation of the CPB as a whole, and of Article 18. 2 in particular. In 2005, IICA has allocated additional resources for some of the actions.
  
3. To establish a task force comprised of IICA staff and interested Member States to develop a plan for agricultural biotechnology and biosafety in the hemisphere.
  - A work program was prepared for: a) creating a task force group to define the terms and commitments for developing a hemispheric plan, and b) strengthening technical aspects of national capabilities in biosafety, through reciprocal cooperation among countries.
  - A task force comprising experts from 14 countries of the Americas was set up to establish the conceptual and operating framework for formulation of the Hemispheric Program on Biotechnology and Biosafety.
  - The frame of reference for the formulation and implementation of the Hemispheric Program was prepared and is currently being disseminated.
  - Efforts are under way to promote the formulation of regional strategies for agrobiotechnology in the Central and Caribbean Regions, and the creation of the Agrobiotechnology Advisory Group in the Caribbean. This is part of the strategy to move toward a hemispheric plan in regions that are relatively less advanced in this subject area.
  - IICA participated in the meeting of the North American Biotechnology Initiative (NABI). Mexico has been invited as a permanent observer. Efforts are under way to link NABI and the countries of the Southern Cone, within the framework of the Agricultural Council of the South.
  - Support has been provided for implementing regional research projects that use modern biotechnology for rice, oil palm, banana, coffee and other crops, and for strengthening the research capacities of cooperative research programs (PROCIANDINO, PROMECAFE, PROCISUR and FONTAGRO).
  - FORAGRO conducted an analysis of the state of the art of the institutional situation for agrobiotechnology in LAC. The results will be used to fuel the discussion of priorities in R&D by public and private interest groups, and the academic and production sectors, as input for the hemispheric plan. The study was disseminated at the Forth International Meeting of FORGARO in Panama in April 2005.
  - Actions under way in connection with the Program:
    - Continuation of the formulation of regional initiatives (strategies) for Central America and the Caribbean in agrobiotechnology, in coordination with the Hemispheric Program

- Support for the development of linkages NABI-countries of the Southern Cone and joint work program, including support for the Office for Coordination in Biotechnology of the CAS for the respective initiative, by agreement among the countries.
  - Efforts in the Andean Region to identify the development of a regional strategy in agrobiotechnology in a manner similar to that of the other regions, in keeping with the purposes of the Hemispheric Program.
  - Follow-up on meetings of the CoMop of the CPB of Montreal and preparation of an analytical summary, and dissemination of same on the results of said meetings to the authorities of the countries and interest groups to reach agreement on specific actions in support of implementation of the CPB.
  - Continued promotion of the Web page on biotechnology and biosafety, and dissemination of topics of interest and multilateral agreements on the trans-boundary movement of LMOs.
4. To urge the Member States to contribute to IICA the additional resources necessary to support the activities considered under this resolution
- An IICA-USDA non-refundable agreement was established for actions related to the documentation required to implement the CPB, with emphasis on Article 18.2 and actions related to programming the Hemispheric Program. Also, resources have been obtained for meetings from Canada and Mexico, as well as technical contributions based on studies, conferences and participation of experts.
  - Contacts have been made with technical cooperation agencies for regional and hemispheric actions. This activity will intensify with the process of formulating the Hemispheric Program.