

**RESOLUTION No.448**

**THE IICA OFFICE IN SPAIN**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN,

Document IICA/EC/Doc. 482(06) "The International Dimension: The Future of the IICA Office in Spain," and Document IICA/EC/Doc. 477(06) "Report of the 2006 Regular Meeting Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues,"

CONSIDERING:

That at its last meeting, the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues considered the future of IICA's Office in Spain and recommended that the General Directorate maintain the current level of the operations, duties, and size of that Office for the time being, and that it present a study to the next meeting of the Executive Committee containing a cost/benefit analysis of the several options discussed for the future of the Office, identifying possible sources of funding for expanded operations of the Office, and providing other information which the Executive Committee would require to make the corresponding decision;

That options so far presented for the future of the Office include closing the Office, maintaining its current size, duties, and level of operations, or expanding its operations to develop and enrich the Institute's relations with its European strategic partners;

That additional resources required for expanding the operations of the Office are not contained in the 2007 Program Budget proposed by the Director General;

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director General to expand the operations of the Office in Spain to develop more beneficial relations between IICA and its Strategic Parties and to assign an additional US\$75,000 from available sources, including collections of quotas from prior years, for that purpose.
2. To request that the Director General present to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, for review and eventual presentation to the next Regular

Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, a more detailed report on the options for the future of the Office, which shall include, among others, a more detailed evaluation of the possibilities of developing closer and more productive relations with its European strategic partners, an analysis of the additional benefits which may be obtained as a result of expansion of the operations of the Office, and the identification of likely sources of financing for Office maintenance and expansion, other than the Regular Program Budget of the Institute.