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RESOLUTION No. 363

IICA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That, this month, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) will complete 60 years at the service of its Member States;

That IICA, throughout this long and fruitful period, has made significant contributions to the modernization of agriculture and to the improvement of living conditions in the rural communities of the Americas;

That the Summit of the Americas process imposes on the States of the hemisphere new responsibilities vis-à-vis integration, the promotion of sustainable agricultural and rural development and the improvement of rural life, which will require from the Institute consistent and effective cooperation, consistent with its outstanding efforts over the past 60 years;

That the Heads of State and of Government, in the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, held in Quebec, Canada, included IICA as a partner institution in all stages of the Summit of the Americas process, which also constitutes an acknowledgement of the Institute's capabilities and spirit of service;

That the OAS Permanent Council, by Resolution CP/Res.826(1338/02), congratulated IICA on its sixtieth anniversary and expressed its support for the transformation of the Institute into an organization for the development of agriculture and the transformation of rural life,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To congratulate IICA on its 60^{th} anniversary.
- 2. To support the efforts of the General Directorate to transform the Institute into an effective organization for development that promotes prosperity in rural communities, food security and the sustainable development of agriculture.