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STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA – REV1

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General Information

The Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held from October 19-21, 2009 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, chaired the meeting, and Ms. Daniela Raposo, who is responsible for the Area for Technical Follow-up to Projects of the Unit for Rural Change (UCAR) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries of Argentina, served as the Rapporteur.

RESOLUTION AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p>Resolution No. 466. Progress in implementing the IICA 2010-2014 Medium-Term Plan</p> <p>To accept with satisfaction the reports presented by the Director General and the IICA Representatives in the Member States on activities already carried out and those underway, as well as results achieved to date in implementing the 2010-2014 MTP.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No further action required</p>
<p>Resolution No. 467. Support for the countries of Central America in rebuilding their agricultural sectors and assisting the population affected by the 2011 climate emergency</p> <p>1. To express solidarity with the affected population on behalf of the nations of</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>On November 28, 2011, the Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Agriculture and Livestock Branch of the Government of El Salvador for the Execution of the Actions for the Emergency Phase and the Rehabilitation of the Agricultural Sector in Response to the Damage Caused by Tropical Depression</p>

<p>the Americas, and to recognize the efforts being made by the governments of the countries of Central America to respond to the current emergency.</p> <p>2. To urge the countries in other regions of the Americas to pledge technical and financial support for ongoing efforts to address the current emergency and to reduce the vulnerability of the region’s agriculture to variability and climate change, given its relationship to food security.</p> <p>3. To task IICA with providing, in coordination with institutions of the Member States and specialized international organizations, technical support for the Executive Secretariat of the CAC and the Ministries of Agriculture of Central America in the preparation of a program aimed at strengthening capacities in the affected countries in the area of disaster prevention and adaptation to climate change, based on a new paradigm of competitive and sustainable socioeconomic development.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>12E.</p> <p>More information and details of the progress made will be provided in Information Document No. 01 of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which is due to be held from October 8-10, 2012.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 468. 2009 and 2010 Financial Statements of the Institute, Report of the External Auditors and Sixteenth And Seventeenth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 2009 and 2010 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Reports of the External Auditors. 2. To accept the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) contained in document IICA/JIA/Doc. 347 (11). 3. To convey to the members of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of IICA for the valuable work accomplished. 		
<p>Resolution No. 469. Progress in the Collection of Quotas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA's Member States for their efforts to ensure the timely payment of their annual quotas to the Institute. 2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments in a timely manner and to pay arrears for previous years. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The efforts to secure the payment of quotas have continued satisfactorily. Up-to-date information on the results achieved will be presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting, scheduled to take place from October 8-10, 2012.</p>

<p>3. To instruct the Director General to continue efforts to collect Member State quotas for the current year and those owed for previous years and to keep the Member States informed of progress in the collection of such quotas.</p> <p>4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current in the payment of their annual quotas, especially those that have reached agreement with the Institute on plans to pay quotas owed for previous years.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 470. 2012-2013 Program Budget</p> <p>1. To approve the amounts of US\$33,789,600 for 2012 and US\$33,909,400 for 2013 from the Regular Fund as the allocation for the 2012-2013 Program Budget of the Institute, to be financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,689,600 in 2012 and US\$27,809,400 in 2013, according to the amounts indicated in the quota scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” including assigned quotas and over-quotas; and with miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$6,100,000 per year, comprising</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The 2012-2013 Program Budget is being executed this year in strict accordance with the allocation of resources approved by the IABA in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 470 (XVI-O/11).</p>

<p>US\$3,500,000 in income estimated to be generated annually and US\$2,600,000 per year from the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p> <p>2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2012-2013 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, line items and priorities detailed in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 349 (11) “Proposed 2012-2013 Program Budget.” The summary of allocations by Chapter is attached as “Annex B” to this resolution.</p> <p>3. To thank the authorities of Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay for the voluntary contributions of over-quota resources they will make in 2012 and 2013, which will provide additional funding for the implementation of priority actions under IICA technical cooperation in the Americas.</p> <p>4. To authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that 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>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
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<p>5. 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 2012 and 2013 fall below estimated levels. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p> <p>6. To instruct the Director General to deposit to the Working Sub-fund of the Regular Fund, any contribution of Regular Funds received in excess of the total amount approved for the 2012-2013 biennium, as well as any unspent, uncommitted balances.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 471. Full recovery of costs incurred in administering externally funded projects</p> <p>1. To accept the report on the progress to date with the study of the costs incurred in administering externally funded projects.</p> <p>2. To ask the Director General to present the full report and final conclusions to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, with any observations that the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>The study was carried out as requested by the IABA and the Executive Committee. The work began in September 2011, when the services of the firm of EAM, Inc. / Mosley & Associates were retained pursuant to the Institute's rules and procedures. The firm held meetings with officials at Headquarters, visited five Offices in the member countries, and held videoconferences with another six Offices. This enabled it to carry out a wide-ranging consultation on IICA's INR and technical cooperation services.</p> <p>The study also included a comparative</p>

<p>may make at its Regular Meeting in 2012.</p>		<p>analysis of the Institute’s INR and that of other international organizations, and of the methodologies that IICA uses to recover the costs of projects.</p> <p>The study was presented to the SACMI at its Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2012. The SACMI made certain recommendations. The study carried out by the consulting firm, as well as a supplementary document incorporating the recommendations of the SACMI, will be analyzed during the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled to take place from October 8-10 this year.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 472. Period for Delivery of Working Documents for the Regular Meetings of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p> <p>1. To amend the last sentence of Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, to read as follows:</p> <p><i>“The Director General shall send the working documents by electronic media to the Member States, IICA Associates and Permanent Observers, for analysis, at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting.”</i></p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

<p>2. To accept the proposal made by the Director General that in future: (i) the working and information documents for the meetings of the IABA that are not confidential be made freely available, for review and consultation on the IICA website; and, (ii) those documents be posted on the IICA website in a format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented Article No. 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture was amended to reflect the IABA's decision and is available on the Institute's Web portal.</p>	<p>This provision will apply in the case of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, due to be held in Argentina in the second half of 2013.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 473. Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p> <p>1. To approve the responsibilities to be carried out by the person designated by the corresponding Member State as the IABA's representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, as outlined in the Annex to the present resolution.</p> <p>2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State that appoints the person to represent the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE with the information, legal advice and logistical and technical support required to carry out the responsibilities specified in the present</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The report on the participation of the IABA's Representative to the Governing Council of CATIE, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Dominica, Mr. Matthew Walter, will be presented to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 474. Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture”; and, (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No further action required</p>
<p>Resolution No. 475. Date and Site of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To express deep appreciation to the Governments of Panama and Argentina for their generous offer which were a demonstration of their exceptional interest in the affairs of the Institute. 2. To accept, based on the principle of rotation and geographic distribution, the generous offer made by the Government of Argentina to serve as host for the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented In a communication dated October 20, 2011, addressed to the Director General of IICA, the Government of Argentina offered to host the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>	<p>A visit was carried out to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries of Argentina in July 2012 to coordinate the arrangements for the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>

<p>3. To provide, based on the provisions of the Convention and the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, that the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA shall be held in Argentina in the second half of 2013.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 476. Strengthening IICA's Strategic Partnerships</p> <p>1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General to consolidate strategic partnerships with national and international organizations and institutions.</p> <p>2. To urge Member States, when they deem it advisable, to support and promote IICA as the executing agency for agricultural and rural development programs and projects with institutions with which it has established partnerships.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>Information about the progress made in consolidating the strategic partnerships will be presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting, scheduled to take place from October 8-10 this year.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 477. Joint Actions between IICA and FAO</p> <p>1. To congratulate Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva on his election as Director General of FAO, and wish him every success in office.</p> <p>2. To thank Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

<p>for his commitment to strengthening joint actions with IICA during his future term in office and to consolidating the mechanisms for programming, implementing, monitoring and evaluating such joint actions.</p> <p>3. To ask the Director General of IICA to present the Strategy and IICA-FAO Joint Action Program to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting, to be held in 2012.</p> <p>4. To urge Member States: (i) to have their representatives to the FAO governing bodies support the strengthening of joint actions with IICA and (ii) to the extent possible, to encourage and support the design and implementation of joint technical cooperation actions between IICA and FAO in their respective countries as well as in regional integration mechanisms.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Information about the Strategy and IICA-FAO Joint Action Program will be presented to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to be held at the Institute's Headquarters from October 8-10 this year.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 478. Vote of Thanks to the Government of Costa Rica</p> <p>1. To extend its gracious thanks to Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Abraham Peralta for her distinguished and enlightened participation in and</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

<p>support for the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011 and the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which are of paramount importance for agriculture in the Americas.</p> <p>2. To express appreciation to Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Abraham Peralta for her willingness to engage in constructive dialogue with her colleagues and for the very efficient manner in which she chaired the Meeting.</p> <p>3. To thank the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship and other public and private institutions in Costa Rica for their cordial welcome and generous support, which were determining factors in the success of the Meeting.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
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