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I. General Information

The Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from July 12-14, 2011. The Member States sitting on the Committee were: Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Haiti, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Uruguay and Venezuela.¹

Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica and her country's Representative, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mr. Simeon Pinder, Director of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources of the Bahamas, as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2011 Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 534. "2010 Annual report of IICA"</p> <p>To approve the 2010 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	Resolution implemented	No actions pending
<p>Resolution No. 535. "2010 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors"</p> <p>1. To accept the 2010 financial statements of IICA and the report of the external auditors on said financial statements, and to instruct the Director General to submit them to the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA for</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	No actions pending

¹ The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution No. 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from July 23-24, 2003.

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<p>its information.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to follow up the recommendations of the external audit and provide a report to the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The external auditors reviewed the follow-up given to the recommendations it made in 2010, as part of its work for 2011; the Audit Review Committee (ARC) provided follow-up and also reviewed the work of the auditors. The reports are available as Documents IICA/CE/Doc.602(12) and IICA/CE/Doc.603(12) – 2011 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors and Eighteenth Report of the ARC, respectively.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 536. “Seventeenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>1. To approve the Seventeenth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in the Seventeenth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>
<p>Resolution No. 537. “Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To elect Ms. Magela E. Kinkead C., from the Republic of Panama, to occupy the position of</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>IICA received letter No. DM-1830-12 dated June 12, 2012 from the Ministry of Agricultural Development of Panama, informing the Institute that Ms. Lina María Tejera Jurado,</p>

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<p>member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by all the Member States, for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and concluding on December 31, 2017.</p>		<p>the ministry's Director of Finance, was being nominated to serve as a member of the ARC in place of Ms. Kinkead, pursuant to Article III of the Statute of the ARC, Election and Removal of Members.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 538. "Appointment of External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2012-2013 Biennium"</p> <p>To appoint the firm of Ernst & Young as the External Auditors for IICA and CATIE for the 2012-2013 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for an additional two years.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>
<p>Resolution No. 539. "Report on the Collection of Quotas"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 IICA. 2. 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 arrears for previous years. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The General Directorate has continued to provide permanent follow-up to the collection of quotas, and up-to-date information on the results achieved is presented in Working Document IICA/CE/Doc.601(12), "Status of the Collection of Collection of Quota Contributions owed to the Institute," prepared for the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>3. To instruct the Director General to: (a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2011 and those owed for previous years; and (b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed with the General Directorate to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 540. “2012-2013 Program Budget”</p> <p>1. The amounts of US\$33,784,900 for 2012 and US\$33,899,800 for 2013 from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation for the 2012-2013 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,684,900 in 2012 and US\$27,799,800 in 2013, according to the amounts indicated in the Quota Scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, and miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$6,100,000 per year, consisting of US\$3,500,000 estimated to be generated annually and the use of up to US\$2,600,000 per year of the resources of the Miscellaneous Income Fund.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>In compliance with the resolution of the Executive Committee, the proposed 2012-2013 Program Budget was submitted to the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA. The IABA did not make any changes and adopted Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 470 (XVI-O/11), in which it approved the allocation and use of the resources of the 2012-2013 Program Budget.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retain the services of an external consulting firm for the purpose of preparing a study that will provide criteria for defining a policy aimed at recovering the costs the Institute incurs in administering externally funded projects (Institutional Net Rate-INR). 2. Present at the next Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), the study and the results, together with the Director General's recommendations, and if this study is not ready, an up-to-date progress report, which includes the Director General's observations. 3. In the event that this matter is not resolved at the IABA's next Regular Meeting, present the final study, together with the Director General's recommendations and the observations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, for the consideration of the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. 	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>The study was carried out as requested by the Executive Committee and the IABA. The firm of EAM, Inc. Mosley & Associates was hired to perform the task.</p> <p>A progress report on the study was presented to the IABA.</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 and a supplementary document incorporating the recommendations of the SACMI have been included as documents for determining the institutional policy at the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled to take place from October 8-10 this year.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 542. "Tribute to Mr. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez for his contribution as a member of the Audit review Committee (ARC)"</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The Director General informed Mr. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez Jaime of the Executive Committee's decision via</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Government of Mexico for the support provided by Mr. Luis Carlos Gutierrez Jaime, as a member of the ARC. 2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Mr. Gutierrez and offer sincere thanks for his contributions to the ARC, and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute. 		<p>communication No. SC/DG-660 of August 10, 2011.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 543. “Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend that the IABA charge its representative on the Governing Council of CATIE with the responsibilities listed in the Annex to the present resolution. 2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State representing the IABA on the Governing Board of CATIE with the information, logistical and technical support as well as legal advice required to carry out the responsibilities specified in the present resolution. 	<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>
<p>Resolution No. 544. “Report of the 2011 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>

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To accept the Report on the 2011 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.		
<p>Resolution No. 545. “Status of the resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and the Thirty Regular Meeting 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 (IABA)”; and, (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	Resolution implemented	No actions pending
<p>Resolution No. 546. “Agenda for the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Provisional Agenda for the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, which includes the issues to be considered by the IABA. 2. To thank the Honorable Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, for her report on the preparations for the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas, which will take place in the city of San Jose, Costa Rica, from October 19 to 21 of said 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas was held from October 19-21, with the participation of 30 IICA Member States. Spain took part in its capacity as an Associate Member Country; Italy and Israel, as Permanent Observers. Some 17 delegations from international organizations, representatives of educational institutions and special guests were also in attendance.</p> <p>A forum took place during the hemispheric-level event entitled, “Innovation for sustainable, competitive, and inclusive</p>

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<p>year.</p> <p>3. To urge the members of the Executive Committee to share with their respective ministers the importance of attending the Meeting of Ministers, to be held at IICA Headquarters in October.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>agriculture.” Furthermore, the representatives of the Member States adopted and signed the San Jose Declaration of Ministers of Agriculture 2011; and the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 547. “Date and Venue of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>1. To hold the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2012.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General, in accordance with the procedures established in the regulations currently in effect, to issue the call to the Member States to take part in the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented The call to meeting for the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was issued on July 31, 2012.</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 548. “Strengthening IICA’s Strategic Partnerships”</p> <p>1. To support the efforts being made by the Director General aimed at IICA’s consolidating strategic partnerships with national and international organizations.</p> <p>2. To urge the Member States to support and promote IICA as the partner of choice for the</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Pursuant to Executive Committee Resolution No. 548, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting, adopted Resolution No. 476, “Strengthening IICA’s Strategic Partnerships,” in which it resolved to support the efforts being made by the Director General to consolidate</p>

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<p>implementation of agricultural and rural development programs, through their representatives in the institutions mentioned above and through their embassies in other countries.</p> <p>3. To ask the Director General:</p> <p>a. To propose to the ministers of agriculture who will be participating in the 2011 Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas that they support the strengthening of the IICA partnerships referred to in the present Resolution.</p> <p>b. To present to the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in the establishment and consolidation of strategic partnerships, and underscore the support received from the Members States to ensure the success of this effort.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>strategic partnerships with national and international organizations and institutions, and 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>The progress made in consolidating the strategic partnerships will be presented to the consideration of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled to take place from October 8-10 this year.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 549. “2010-2011 Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <p>1. To accept the 2010-2011 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p> <p>2. To thank the Director General of CATIE and his staff for presenting the “2010-2011 Biennial Report.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA sent the Director General of CATIE, Mr. José Joaquín Campos, a copy of Executive Committee Resolution No. 549 by means of communication No. SC/DG-647 of August 8, 2011.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 550. “Joint Action Program of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) and IICA”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the “IICA-CATIE 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action.” 2. To acknowledge the dynamic nature of the above-mentioned joint action program, which may be adjusted to tap opportunities and take into account possible changes in the demand for joint cooperation services in the Member States. 3. To request that the Director General of IICA, in coordination with the Director General of CATIE, present, at the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee, an evaluation of the implementation of the Joint Program. 4. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Joint Action Program, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented.</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA sent the Director General of CATIE, Mr. José Joaquín Campos, a copy of Executive Committee Resolution No. 550 by means of communication No. SC/DG-647 of August 8, 2011.</p> <p>The Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE have prepared the respective report, which will be presented at the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee</p>
<p>Resolution No. 551. “2010-2011 Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the “2010-2011 Biennial Report of CARDI.” 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA sent the Executive Director of CARDI, Mr. Arlington Chesney, a copy of Executive Committee Resolution No. 551 by means of communication No. SC/DG-639 of August 8, 2011.</p>

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<p>2. To thank the Director General of CARDI and his staff for presenting the “2010-2011 Biennial Report.”</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 552. “Joint Action Program of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and IICA”</p> <p>1. To accept the IICA-CARDI 2011-2014 Program for Joint Action.</p> <p>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution that the two institutions make in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Director General of IICA sent the Executive Director of CARDI, Mr. Arlington Chesney, a copy of Executive Committee Resolution No. 552 by means of communication No. SC/DG-639 of August 8, 2011.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 553. “IICA-CGIAR Collaboration”</p> <p>1. To support the proposal of the Director General calling for the strengthening of relations between IICA and the CGIAR by establishing a partnership intended to support the Member States in the development and application of technology required to make agriculture competitive, sustainable and inclusive.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>In August 2011, at the initiative of IICA, the first meeting took place of the directors of the international centers of the CGIAR and of IICA. The consensus arrived at was that a partnership between IICA and the CGIAR centers held out great potential.</p> <p>The IABA addressed the matter at its Sixteenth Regular Meeting, and adopted Resolution No. 476, “Strengthening IICA’s Strategic</p>

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<p>2. To request that the Director General keep the Member States informed of progress in and the results of this initiative.</p> <p>3. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States to provide, in their respective countries, the support required to plan and implement joint actions between IICA and the CGIAR at the national, regional or hemispheric level.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Partnerships,” in which it endorsed the efforts being made by the Director General to consolidate strategic partnerships with other national and international organizations.</p> <p>The progress made in consolidating IICA’s strategic partnership with the CGIAR will be presented to the consideration of the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled to take place from October 8-10 this year.</p>