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NUMBER AND TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION	OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH	ACTION TAKEN
Resolution No. 312, 1998 Financial Statements of the Institute	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept Document IICA/CE/Doc.358(99), "Financial Statements of the Institute and 1998 Report of the External Auditors." 2. To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture approve Document IICA/CE/Doc.358(99), "Financial Statements of the Institute and 1998 Report of the External Auditors". 	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 337, approved the Financial Statements of the Institute and the 1997 and 1998 Reports of the External Auditors.</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To congratulate the firm KPMG Peat Marwick for its report. 	<p>The congratulations were extended to the firm KPMG Peat Marwick.</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To congratulate the Director General and the staff of the Institute for their efforts to collect quota arrearages, which helped to improve the financial situation of the Institute and enabled it to carry out the cooperation activities entrusted to it. 	<p>-----</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. To thank the Member States that have responded to the Director General's request concerning the payment of quotas, and to urge the others to follow their example. 	<p>-----</p>
Resolution No. 313, Fifth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Fifth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee and forward it to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for its information and review. 2. To congratulate the Audit Review Committee for its excellent work, and to thank outgoing member Mr. Oscar Ghersi for his 6 years of valuable service on the Audit Review Committee. 	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 338, accepted the Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Audit Review Committee.</p>
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	<p>3. To commend the Director General for his continued positive response to the recommendations of the Audit Review Committee.</p>	<p>.....</p>
<p>Resolution No. 314 Election of Members of the Audit Review Committee</p>	<p>To declare Mr. Luis B. Correa Sanchez, Deputy Comptroller for Auditing of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development of the Government of Mexico, elected as the member of the ARC nominated by all the Member States, for a period of six years beginning on January 1, 2000 and ending on December 31, 2005.</p>	<p>In letter SC/DG-494, the Director General informed Mr. Luis B. Correa Sanchez of his election as a member of the Audit Review Committee. The appropriate Mexican authorities were informed of same in letter SC/DG-664.</p>
<p>Resolution N° 315 Financing of the Regular Fund and Distribution of Resources for the Years 2000 and 2001</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Director General to consider the following guidelines in the allocation of Regular Fund resources in the version of the 2000-2001 Program-Budget to be submitted to the Tenth Regular Meeting of IABA.</p>	<p>The Director General incorporated the recommendations and guidelines put forth by the Executive Committee, at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, into the Program Budget submitted to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture.</p>
	<p>1.1 Allocate a larger proportion of preinvestment resources, with the aim of obtaining external resources for projects and other cooperation actions, to the following priority topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agricultural health and food safety; b. Training and education; and c. Support for family agriculture, especially as regards technology. 	<p>.....</p>
	<p>1.2 Strengthen, as far as possible, the allocation of resources to the items indicated in point 1.1 above.</p>	<p>.....</p>
	<p>1.3 Strengthen the allocation of resources to CARDI and CATIE, taking into account the budgetary situation of the Institute.</p>	<p>.....</p>
	<p>2. To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting:</p>	<p>.....</p>

	<p>2.1 Approve the 2000-2001 Program Budget, in the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually for the Regular Fund, in accordance with the allocations for each one of the Chapters and items detailed in Document IICA/CE/Doc.357(99) "2000-2001 Program Budget" a summary of which, by Chapter, is attached to this Resolution as "Appendix A," with any modifications made necessary as a result of point 1 above.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 336, approved the 2000-2001 Program Budget.</p>
	<p>2.2 Establish that for 2000 and 2001, to finance the Regular Fund, the Member States as a whole shall contribute quota funds in the amount of US\$27,508,680 in each year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached to this Resolution as "Appendix B," and the US\$2,491,320 in miscellaneous income which the Institute expects to receive in each year of the biennium.</p>	<p>-----</p>
	<p>2.3 Authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the Program Budget, provided total transfers neither increase nor reduce the amount allocated to the affected Chapters by more than 10% and do not substantially affect the strategic areas approved;</p>	<p>-----</p>
	<p>2.4 Authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the distribution of resources recommended in this Resolution should income from each of the years fall below programmed levels. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>To date, no such adjustments have been made.</p>
	<p>2.5 Instruct the Director General that any contribution of resources from the Regular Fund received that exceeds the total amount approved for the biennium and the balance of uncommitted, unspent appropriations shall be deposited in the Working Subfund of the Regular Fund.</p>	<p>-----</p>

<p>Resolution No. 316. The New Institutional Dimension</p>	<p>1. To welcome and support the recommendations of the Director General of IICA to formally constitute the LABA as the ministerial forum for analysis and consensus-seeking in regard to policies and strategic priorities for the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu in the hemisphere, and for the analysis of other substantive issues of critical interest to the Member States.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 341, approved the new institutional dimension.</p>
	<p>2. To recommend that the LABA propose to the OAS General Assembly a draft resolution by means of which the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Agriculture (ICMA) is eliminated and its functions are transferred to the LABA, and asking the Institute to develop cooperation and exchange mechanisms with other OAS organs to ensure coordinated efforts for the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu within the Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development promoted by OAS and the Summits of the Americas process.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, approved a draft resolution calling on the OAS to eliminate the Inter-American Conferences of Minister of Agriculture (ICMA).</p> <p>The Director General, in letter SC/DG-673, dated November 28, submitted to the Secretary General of the OAS the draft resolution calling for the elimination of the ICMA.</p>
	<p>3. To recommend the transfer of the delegable administrative functions of the LABA to the Executive Committee, and to entrust the Director General with the preparation of the necessary draft amendments on the corresponding regulations for consideration by the LABA, at its Tenth Regular Meeting.</p>	<p>The Director General submitted to the LABA the draft amendments to the corresponding regulations, which were approved.</p>
	<p>4. To recommend that the LABA, within the framework of Article 3(f) of its Rules of Procedure, task the Executive Committee with:</p> <p>i) Analyzing policy issues and strategic priorities important to the sustainable development of agriculture and the rural milieu and submitting the corresponding recommendations to the LABA.</p>	

	<p>ii) Gathering and transmitting to the IABA the interests, concerns and proposals of other governmental and international institutions, and of other public and private organizations and entities;</p>	
	<p>5. To recommend that the IABA, within the framework of Article 51 of its Rules of Procedure, establish the special Advisory Commission on Management Issues which will enable the Director General to meet more frequently with the Member States in order to reach agreement on important administrative and financial initiatives and issues, which will facilitate their approval by the Executive Committee or the IABA when required.</p> <p>This special commission will have a duration of two years. The Executive Committee, with support from the Director General, will present a report on its performance to the IABA, at its Eleventh Regular Meeting, which will reach a decision regarding its continued operation.</p>	<p>The Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues was established, and the Director General has begun the process to coordinate the appointment of the members of the Commission.</p>
	<p>6. To entrust the Director General with preparing the corresponding draft statutes for the operation of the Special Advisory Commission, and with submitting them for approval at the Tenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>	<p>Draft statutes for the Special Advisory Commission were submitted to and approved by the IABA.</p>

<p>Resolution No. 317. Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Government of Brazil and the Government of Bahia once again for their generous offer. 2. To request that the Director General convene the Member States of the Institute and special guests to the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), to be held in Salvador, Bahia, on October 26-29. 3. To encourage the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States of the Institute to participate in this important meeting of the Institute's governing body, which will include a Technical Forum. 	
<p>Resolution No. 318. Provisional Agenda of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<p>To accept the Provisional Agenda for the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, as presented in Document IICA/CE/ Doc.355(99), taking into consideration the topics proposed by the Canadian Delegation during this meeting, which are recorded in the minutes.</p>	<p>The agenda for the Tenth Meeting of the IABA was submitted, taking into consideration the proposals made by the Canadian delegation.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 319. The Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Government of the Dominican Republic for its generous offer. 2. To submit the offer to the IABA, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, for approval. 	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 343, accepted the offer of the Dominican Republic to hold the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the IABA in the Dominican Republic.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 320. Incorporation of the Gender Perspective into Institutional Policies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend that the gender perspective be incorporated into IICA's institutional system. The Director General is therefore requested to make the legal, regulatory and operational changes needed to comply with this mandate; 2. Once this proposal has been approved, to ask the Director General of IICA to ensure that the Institute's gender policy is also expressed in the Institution's action and instruments for technical cooperation. 	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 342, approved the incorporation of the gender perspective into IICA's institutional system.</p> <p>The General Directorate has incorporated the gender perspective into the Institute's human resource regulations. The amendments incorporated will be submitted to the Executive Committee at its Twentieth Regular Meeting.</p>

<p>Resolution No. 321. 1998 Annual Report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To accept Document IICA/CE/Doc.356(99) "1998 Annual Report," presented by the Director General. To congratulate the Director General on the contents and presentation of the Annual Report. To submit the report to the next meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), for its approval. 	<p>The Director General submitted the 1998 Annual Report to the consideration of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting.</p> <p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, in Resolution No. 344, approved the 1997 and 1998 Annual Reports.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 322. Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<p>To accept with satisfaction Document IICA/CE/Doc.364(99), "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Ninth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)," inasmuch as the General Directorate of the Institute has complied with the recommendations of the IABA.</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>Resolution No. 323. Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting Of The Executive Committee</p>	<p>To accept Document IICA/CE/Doc.365(99), "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee."</p>	<p>-----</p>
<p>Resolution No. 324. Date and Site of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To hold the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the second half of 2000. To request that the Director General issue the call to meeting and invite the Member States and other participants, in compliance with the rules in effect. 	<p>The Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at IICA Headquarters during the second half of 2000.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 325. 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Medal</p>	<p>To recommend to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, that the 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Medal be awarded to Mr. Jose Domingo Molina, in public international recognition of his outstanding contributions to research on plant breeding methods for both corn and wheat.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 346, awarded the 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Medal to Mr. Jose Domingo Molina, from Mexico.</p> <p>Mr. Molina and the Government of Mexico were informed of this decision.</p>

<p>Resolution No. 326. 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals</p>	<p>To declare void the 1998-1999 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals.</p>	<p>*****</p>
<p>Resolution No. 327. 1998-1999 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development</p>	<p>To recommend to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, that the 1998-1999 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development be awarded to Ms. Roberta Marie Davidson Williams, as public international recognition of her outstanding contributions to improving rural life.</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 328. Review of Regulations and Procedures for the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Director General:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) to constitute the General Directorate Task Force recommended by the Selection Committee in its Report; b) to direct the Task Force: i) to complete the tasks requested by the Selection Committee; ii) to analyze the feasibility of adding a cash award to the Inter-American Agricultural Medal and the Inter-American Award for Participation of Women in Rural Development; and iii) to analyze the feasibility of including provisions in the Regulations for permitting the Institute to grant two awards in a particular biennium for any award category for which no award was granted for lack of a qualified candidate in the immediately preceding biennium; and c) to submit for the Executive Committee's consideration a report on the Task Force's activities, together with its conclusions, recommendations, and the draft modified Regulations requested by the Selection Committee. 	

<p>Resolution No. 329. Amendments to the Contract of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<p>2. To request the Director General to implement measures, with the support of the Technical Cooperation Agencies and organizations with which IICA has cooperative relations, to assure that due publicity is given to the Inter-American Awards for assuring a sufficient pool of qualified candidates for consideration in each biennium.</p>	
	<p>1. To approve the amendments to the Contract proposed in Document IICA/CE/Dec.361(99) and attached to this Resolution;</p> <p>2. To instruct IICA's Director General to execute the corresponding instrument for amending the Contract and to submit it to the Government of Costa Rica for execution and ratification by the appropriate authorities.</p>	<p>The Contract of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) was submitted to the appropriate authorities for ratification. At present, its approval is being addressed by the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 330. Election of Members of Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Director General to transmit to the consideration of the next regular meeting of the IABA the nominations received for the IABA's position on CATIE's Board of Directors;</p> <p>2. To recommend that the IABA adopt for the election of its member on CATIE's Board of Directors the same procedure used for electing IICA's Director General, set out in Article 103 of the IABA's Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>3. To recommend that the IABA permanently delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to elect the IABA's member of CATIE's Board of Directors in those years in which there is no regular meeting of the IABA scheduled to make the election.</p>	

<p>Resolution No. 331. Election of Member to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<p>1. To instruct the Director General to submit to the consideration of the next regular meeting of the IABA, the candidature of Ecuador and other candidatures received for the position of IABA representative to the Governing Council of CATIE.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 355, elected Jamaica as its representative to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p> <p>The Director General forwarded this resolution to the appropriate authorities in Jamaica.</p>
	<p>2. To recommend that the IABA adopt the same procedure used to elect the Director General of IICA, set forth in Article 103 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, to elect its representative to the Governing Council of CATIE.</p>	<p>The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Tenth Regular Meeting, in Resolution No. 356, elected Mr. Richard Rovvedt, from the United States of America, as its representative to the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).</p> <p>The Director General forwarded this resolution to the appropriate authorities in the United States of America.</p>