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## **Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)**

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Number and Title of the Resolution	Operative paragraph	Status
<b>Resolution 360: Authorization for the Twenty Second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to Approve the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To instruct the Director General of IICA to prepare the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan, following the basic guidelines stemming both from the Summit of the Americas process, and particularly those set out in the “Ministerial Declaration of Bavaro”, and the Strategic Guidelines for a Shared Agenda for the Community of Agriculture and Rural Life of the Americas.</li> <li>2. To designate the Ministerial Delegates, so that they may participate, on behalf of the Member States, in the process to prepare the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan.</li> <li>3. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting, to approve the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan of IICA and any changes that must be incorporated into the 2002-2003 Program Budget for carrying it out</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● IICA’s proposed 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan is set out in a working document of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee and is an item on the agenda of that meeting (Document IICA/CE/Doc.405(02))</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 361. Draft Resolutions Pending Consideration by the Executive Committee and by the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To request the Member States to continue their consideration of the draft resolutions and to transmit their comments and observations to the Director General by February 1, 2002.</li> <li>2. To request that the Director General send those comments and observations to the members of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues by February 15, 2002, and to request that the Commission submit any recommendations it might have on those draft resolutions by March 1, 2002, for transmission to the Executive Committee.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● See document IICA/CE/Doc.403(02) “Report of the Director General on Compliance with Resolution 361.”<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 11, IICA/FAO Relations; Resolution No. 19, New Responsibility of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture in the Summit of the Americas Process; Resolution No. 20, Implementation and Monitoring of the Summit of the Americas Process in Matters Related to Agriculture and Rural Life; Resolution No. 24, Strengthening IICA’s Technical Cooperation in the Area of Irrigation and Drainage for Agriculture and Rural Development; Resolution No. 26, IICA’s Participation in Projects with the Regional Center for Model Forests for Latin America and the Caribbean; Resolution No 27, Evaluation of IICA’s Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program; Resolution No. 28, Fourth Ministerial Forum

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. To request that no later than March 7, 2002, the Director General transmit the draft resolutions to the Executive Committee for its decision by correspondence under Articles 93 and 94 of its Rules of Procedure. The Director General shall include in that transmission, the comments and recommendations received from the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues</li> <li>4. To delegate to the Executive Committee any additional authority it may need to approve those Resolutions.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Resolution 362: Training Human Resources for Agriculture and Rural Development</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To declare 2002-2005 as the period of human talent with equity for inclusive agriculture and rural development in the Americas.</li> <li>2. To entrust the Director General, subject to the availability of approved financial resources in the Program Budget, or with voluntary contributions received for that purpose: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To maintain education and training as a priority area of action in IICA's Medium Term Plan for the 2002-2006 period, placing special emphasis on the most vulnerable rural population;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Being complied with.</b></li> <li>1. Education and Training were included in the 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan as a fundamental element of the Plan. Its lines of action are: i) training in strategic subject areas, ii) transformation of educational supply; iii) dialogue on and integration of agricultural and rural education in the Americas, and iv) promotion, distribution and funding participation in distance learning courses.</li> <li>1. To serve this target clientele, IICA has been offering distance learning courses in 8 Caribbean countries, with OAS funding, through the Caribbean Distance Learning Center, which is headquartered in Barbados. In Latin American countries, this work has been launched through the World Bank's Global Development Learning Network (GDLN). In Costa Rica, actions have been undertaken with CATIE and EARTH to operate the Distance Training Center in Costa Rica, with plans to expand operations to the rest of the Central American isthmus and Mexico.</li> </ul>

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	<p>b. To coordinate efforts with other national and international organizations to implement joint actions and complement capabilities and resources, in order to extend the coverage of IICA's actions in this field and thereby obtain greater benefits for the Institute's Member States.</p> <p>3. To urge the Member States to give priority to IICA for the implementation of technical cooperation services in projects receiving international funding that include education and training components.</p>	<p>2. The education and training component of all IICA's technical cooperation agendas in the Member States give priority to actions targeting the most vulnerable segments of the rural population.</p> <p>1. Negotiations are under way with the World Bank on the proposal to make IICA an active member of the GDLN network, responsible for coordinating a sub-network for the agricultural sector of the Americas. This would provide the 34 countries of this continent a focal point for the exchange of courses, teaching materials and information.</p> <p>1. The Directorate analyzed the education and training policies and priorities of lending agencies (IDB, IFAD, WB) and regional agencies (CABEI, CAF, FONPLATA, CARICOM, RUTA and others).</p> <p>2. Alliances were forged with CATIE and the City of Knowledge (Panama) for formulating education and training projects to be submitted jointly to international lending organizations.</p> <p>3. The Directorate of Education and Training, together with the IICA Directorate for Strategic Partnerships in Washington, D.C., will support the Member States in formulating investment projects that have components on education and training that are to be executed through the Institute.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution 363: Cooperation for Graduate Programs in Policy and International Agricultural Trade</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To express its support of the initiative of the Regional Forum of Schools of Agronomy of MERCOSUR, Chile and Bolivia to establish a Regional Graduate Program in Policy and International Agricultural Trade and Agribusiness and to recommend that this type of initiative be extended to other countries in the hemisphere.</li>   <li>2. To instruct the Director General to ensure that IICA, subject to the availability of approved resources in the Program Budget or through voluntary contributions and resources, assigns high priority to cooperation with graduate institutes specialized in agriculture, and in particular to those actions aimed at strengthening the development of joint programs and the training of human resources specialized in policy and international agricultural trade</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Being complied with.</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Regional Forum of Schools of Agronomy of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile were informed of the IABA's support (VI Conference of the Forum, Santiago, Chile, May 6-7, 2002).</li>   <li>2. IICA approved initial support for organizing the Regional Post-graduate Program on Policy and Trade. With IICA support, the ministers of agriculture of the MERCOSUR countries, Bolivia and Chile are requesting funds from the IDB for launching the program in March 2003.</li>   <li>3. Support was provided for implementing the regional post-graduate program through the IICA offices, for disseminating relevant information in the Member States, and for selecting candidates for the masters' degree program.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● These instructions were taken into account in preparing IICA's national and regional technical cooperation agendas, in accordance with the priorities set for the area of education and training in IICA's 2002-2006 MTP.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resolution 364: General Power of Attorney of the Director General</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To grant to the Director General-elect, Dr. Chelston W.D. Brathwaite, General Power of Attorney for a period of four years, beginning January 15, 2002, so that he may faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of Director General conferred upon him under Article 20 of the Convention and Chapter II of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with</b></li>   <li>● General power of attorney was granted in a legal instrument dated January 2, 2002, filed in a notarial record book (No. 43).</li> </ul>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To confer this General Power of Attorney pursuant to the general stipulations of the Civil Code of the Republic of Costa Rica, the host country of the Institute, and to Article 1253 of said Code in particular.</li> <li>3. To authorize Dr. Chelston W.D. Brathwaite to grant powers of attorney of all kinds and to revoke same, and to register the power of attorney conferred upon him, where indicated</li> <li>4. To request the Director General, Dr. Carlos E. Aquino G., to complete the legal procedures required to fulfill this mandate.</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The instrument document was recorded by the Office of the Public Registrar of Costa Rica, Persons Section, Vol. 172, folio 22, item 62.</li> <li>• <b>This provision is in force.</b></li> <li>• <b>Complied with.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 365: Appointment of Dr. Carlos E. Aquino G. as Director Emeritus of the Institute</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To recognize Dr. Carlos E. Aquino G. for his outstanding performance over the past eight years as Director General of the Institute</li> <li>2. To appoint with great pleasure Dr. Carlos E. Aquino G. as Director Emeritus of the Institute, as of January 15, 2002</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>• Dr. Aquino has Director Emeritus status. The formal ceremony is still pending, and will take place during the Twenty-Second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 366: Renewal of the Mandate of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues<sup>2</sup></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To renew the Advisory Commission's mandate for a further two years, as of the date of the approval of this Resolution and until the date of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), in accordance with Article 9.1 of the Commission's Statute</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>This provision is in force.</b> The Member States have appointed the members of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, who are currently serving in that capacity.</li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> The regular and alternate members of the 2002 Advisory Commission are: Argentina: Lilliana Mónica Sola; Brazil: Luis Fernand Gouvêa de Ataíde; Canada: Eileen Durand, Anne McKenzie and Paul Murphy; United States of America: Ms. Jocelyn Brown, Marianne McElroy and Daniel Centro; Mexico: Dr. Víctor Manuel Villalobos Arámbula, Ms. Lourdes Cruz Trinidad; Venezuela: Angel Arisitides Leal Medina; Ecuador: Mr. Diego Gándara Pérez (2002), representing the countries in Group II; Guatemala: Sylvia Dávila (2002) representing the countries of Group III; and Dominica: Raymond Austrie (2002), representing the countries in Group IV.

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	2. To request that the Director General report semiannually to the Member States regarding measures adopted in response to recommendations made by the Advisory Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pending.</b> The meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues was held July 18-19, 2002. A report will be submitted in due course on the measures adopted in response to the Commission's recommendations from that meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 367: Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</b>	1. To accept Document IICA/JIA/Doc.266 (01), "Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)," expressing its satisfaction with the positive implementation of said recommendations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 368: Amendment of Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee in Relation to the Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute.</b>	<p>1. To amend Article 105 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture to state:</p> <p>Article 105. The Member States shall submit nominations in accordance with the Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute, approved by the Executive Committee. The nominations shall be submitted by means of a communication addressed to the General Directorate, which shall immediately forward them to all the Member States as it receives them.</p> <p>2. To amend Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee by adding to the items on the Committee's Agenda an item "i," which states: "i. Presentations of candidates for the position of Director General in the year of the election."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● The approved amendments were incorporated into the Rules of Procedure of the IABA.</li> <li>● The approved amendments were incorporated into the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 369: Date and Site of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</b>	<p>1. To accept and thank the Government of Panama for its generous offer to host the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p> <p>2. To hold the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) in the city of Panama, during the second semester of 2003</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b> The Director General sent an official letter of thanks to the Government of Panama (communication SC/Director General-134, dated January 30, 2002).</li> <li>● <b>This provision is in force.</b> Preparations for the meeting began in February 2002.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> The Minister of Agriculture of Panama and the Director General of IICA will present to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting, a progress report on the preparations for the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA.

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<p><b>Resolution 370: 2000-2001 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In accordance with the recommendations made by the Committee, to confer the awards as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2000-2001 Inter-American Agricultural Medal to Mr. Leopoldo Sandoval Villeda, of Guatemala</li> <li>b. The 2000-2001 Inter-American Award for the Participation of Women in Rural Development to Ms. Bertila Jiron Gonzalez, of El Salvador.</li> <li>c. The 2000-2001 Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals to Ms. Dawn D. Pierre-Nathoniell, of St. Lucia.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. In view of the small number of nominations received for the Inter-American Awards, to entrust the Director General with consulting the Member States to ascertain whether they wish to continue to confer such awards and, if not, whether to allocate these resources to other priorities of the Institute. This consultation should determine the countries' willingness to conduct, support and participate actively in national and regional processes for selecting candidates for the Awards, in order to implement the recommendation made by the Executive Committee, in its Twenty-first Regular Meeting, through Resolution IICA/CE/Res.356</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Being complied with.</b> Through letter SC/DG-637 dated December 12, 2001, award winners were informed of the decision.</li> <li>• The formal award ceremonies are still pending; they will take place on the occasion of the visit of the Director General to Guatemala, El Salvador and Saint Lucia.</li> <li>• The Director General has submitted to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting, a proposal for substantive changes in the regulations governing the granting of the awards. The proposal aims to resolve the recurrent problems that gave rise to Resolution 370 (Doc. IICA/CE/Doc.414(02)).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resolution 371: Financing of the Regular Fund in 2002 and 2003 and Distribution of Resources for 2002</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve as the overall allocation from the Regular Fund for the 2002-2003 Program Budget, the sum of US\$30 million per year</li> <li>2. To approve the Program Budget for 2002, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic areas detailed in Document IICA/JIA/Doc.257(01), "Financing of the Regular Fund and Distribution of Resources for the 2002-2003 Biennium," a summary of which is attached as "Annex A".</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>• <b>Provision in force.</b></li> </ul>



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	<p>3. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-second Regular Meeting, to be held in 2002, to approve the detailed allocation from the Regular Fund for 2003, in the amount of US\$30 million.</p> <p>4. To establish that, in order to finance the Regular Fund, (a) the Member States shall contribute quota funds totaling US\$27,508,680 annually and (b) the Institute shall allocate the amount of US\$2,491,320 in miscellaneous income that it expects to receive.</p> <p>5. To 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 chapters by more than 10% and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>6. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources recommended in this resolution, should income from each of the fiscal years of the 2002-2003 biennium fall below the amount estimated. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation</p> <p>7. To instruct the Director General that any contribution of resources from the Regular Fund received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2002-2003 biennium and the balance of uncommitted, unspent appropriations shall be deposited in the Working Subfund of the Regular Fund.</p> <p>8. To instruct the Director General to establish, in the agreements with the institutions and cooperative programs to which IICA contributes resources, that the institutions and programs in question, in addition to submitting the corresponding annual reports setting forth their results and detailed accounts, expressly acknowledge the Institute's contributions in their publications and reports.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This proposal is on the provisional agenda of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document IICA/CE/Doc.410(02)).</li> <li>● <b>Provision in force.</b></li> <li>● <b>Provision in force.</b></li> <li>● <b>Provision in force.</b></li> <li>● <b>Provision in force.</b></li> <li>● This provision was communicated to all institutions and cooperative programs to which IICA contributes resources from its Regular Fund.</li> </ul>

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<b>Resolution 372: 1999 and 2000 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors</b>	1. To approve the "1999 and 2000 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors" contained in Document IICA/JIA/Doc.259(01).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 373 Sixth and Seventh Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)</b>	1. To accept the Sixth and Seventh Annual Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) contained in document IICA/JIA/Doc.260(01).  2. To express its satisfaction with valuable and thank the members of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) for their work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● The Director General sent a letter of congratulations to the members of the ARC (SC/DG-390, dated 19 March, 2002).</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 374: Biennial Report of the Caribbean Research and Development Institute (CARDI)</b>	1. To receive and accept Document IICA/JIA/Doc.263(01) "Biennial Report of the Caribbean Research and Development Institute (CARDI)."  2. To congratulate the Executive Director of the Caribbean Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● The Director General sent a letter of congratulations to the Executive Director of CARDI (SC/DG-422, dated March 19, 2002).</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 375: Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</b>	1. To receive and accept Document IICA/JIA/Doc.262(01), "Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)."  2. To congratulate the Director General of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> <li>● The Director General sent a formal letter of congratulations to the Director General of CATIE (SC/DG-381, dated 15 March 2002).</li> </ul>
<b>Resolution 376: Appointment of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</b>	1. To thank the Government of Jamaica for the work of Mr. Roger Clarke during the period he represented the IABA on the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> </ul>

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	2. To appoint Mr. Roger Clarke of Jamaica as Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) on the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) until October 2003.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In letter SC/DG-185, dated 8 February 2002, Mr. Clarke was informed of this resolution. He was sent the terms of reference for the responsibility entrusted to him as well as a copy of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.376(XI-O/02).</li> </ul>
<b><u>Resolution 377: Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of the Dominican Republic</u></b>	1. To express its deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Dominican Republic, and especially to His Excellency President Hipólito Mejía, for his distinguished and enlightened participation in the Inaugural Session, and for the extraordinary hospitality extended.  2. To express its appreciation to the Secretary of State for Agriculture, Mr. Eligio Jaquez, for his great willingness to engage in constructive dialogue with his colleagues of the hemisphere; to the diligent personnel of the Secretariats of Agriculture, Foreign Relations and Tourism, as well as to other public and private institutions of the Dominican Republic, for the cordial welcome and generous support provided during the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Complied with.</b></li> </ul>