

RESOLUTION No. 639

**REPORT ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR
COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE (IICA) AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO)**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The presentation of the “Report on the relationship between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)”,

CONSIDERING:

That the members of the Executive Committee, at the Extraordinary Meeting held on 24 October 2017, expressed their support for the memorandum of understanding to be signed between IICA and FAO and made a commitment to support its implementation;

That on 25 October 2017, the memorandum of understanding between the Institute and FAO was signed at the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA);

That the purpose of the memorandum is to strengthen the technical cooperation provided by both institutions to their Member States, through joint action aimed at enhancing the efficient and complementary use of resources and capacities, and achieving common objectives to benefit the agrifood sectors in the countries of the Americas, especially those that relate to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

That, by means of resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 508 (XIX-O/17), the IABA, at its Nineteenth Regular Meeting, asked the Director General to immediately proceed with implementation of the memorandum of understanding, and to invite FAO’s Regional Representative to the Thirty-eight Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to present a joint report on the status of efforts to strengthen cooperation between IICA and FAO;

That, as part of the strategy for strengthening institutional capacity, the 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP) includes the development of joint activities with organizations with similar functions and objectives to the Institute, FAO being one of them,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the Report on the relationship between IICA and FAO.
2. To thank FAO's Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica and the Director General of the Institute for their presentation and efforts in implementing the memorandum of understanding.
3. To urge IICA and FAO to continue to strengthen linkages and mechanisms for the implementation of joint activities, in order to further contribute to the efforts of the Member States of both organizations to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.