

RESOLUTION No. 528

**STRENGTHENING OF THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE (IICA)**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Twentieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The formalization, within the framework of said Meeting, of the different general cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and 4-H, the World Tourism Organization, the University of Costa Rica, CENFOTEC University, the CODESPA Foundation and Corteva Agriscience, for the benefit of the countries of the Americas,

CONSIDERING:

That the Institute's 2018-2022 Medium-term Plan (MTP) includes strategies to strengthen the Institute's capacities through the development of strategic alliances with similar institutions; and

That strategic alliances with organizations with similar functions and objectives to IICA are extremely valuable, as a means of a) conducting complementary activities with institutions that specialize in research and knowledge-creation; b) driving thematic complementarity with organizations that specialize in a variety of issues related to agriculture and rural life; c) carrying out joint activities; and d) promoting the management of externally-funded cooperation projects,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director General of IICA and the different strategic partners of the Institute for their efforts in formalizing cooperation agreements and memorandums of understanding with IICA, in order to strengthen and bolster international technical cooperation for the benefit of agriculture and the rural territories of the Americas.
2. To urge the Member States to support and promote the joint actions resulting from the Institute's new strategic alliances, in their respective countries and with regional integration mechanisms.