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Report on Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 535
"Ministerial commitment to support the fight against African swine fever"

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By way of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 535 (XXI-O/21), "Ministerial commitment to support the fight against African swine fever", the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) requested that the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) assist in the development and execution of binational projects and actions to tackle the emergency triggered by the outbreak of African swine fever (ASF), as well as identify financial and technical resources to support the development and execution of projects and actions to prevent ASF.

Actions undertaken to comply with this resolution have resulted in the mobilization of approximately USD 51 million in resources, geared towards:

1. Providing support for the Swine Compensation Program for the Eradication of African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic.
2. Signing letters of understanding between the IICA delegations in the Dominican Republic and Haiti to support efforts aimed at tackling ASF.
3. Organizing a tripartite meeting between Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the United States, with a view to engaging in a technical discussion to prioritize measures and efforts to control ASF, by defining collaborative actions in specific areas.
4. Building capacities in relation to the management and operation of canine teams in the Andean community.
5. Supporting the active participation of IICA in the Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever (SGE-ASF) of the Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases (GFTADs), as well as in meetings held in collaboration with regional organizations such as the International Regional Organization for Plant and Animal Health (OIRSA), the Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA), the Permanent Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (PVC) and the General Secretariat of the Andean Community (SG-CAN), among others.
6. Leading capacity building efforts in this area, as part of an inter-agency working group to provide training in the prevention of ASF. To date, nine webinars have been held, with approximately 5,000 participants from more than 30 countries.
7. Developing an information platform to compile all the ASF-related material generated by various international and regional agencies, to facilitate countries' access to official and updated information on the disease.
8. Presenting a virtual course on transboundary diseases and ASF, with the support of The Ohio State University and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as well as four virtual courses for the Central, Andean, Southern and Caribbean regions, which trained more than 500 professionals.

IICA will continue to work to provide support to build the technical capacities of official veterinary services in its member countries and to support them in reviewing and developing emergency response plans. Moreover, the Institute will advocate for the effective implementation of World

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Organization for Animal Health (OIE) standards, collaborating with the countries to comply with the recommendations of GF-TAD's Standing Group of Experts on African Swine Fever, particularly in relation to establishing methods to ensure proper risk management; integrating efforts and coordinating actions with other institutions and with the private sector; and implementing border control measures.