

RESOLUTION No. 426

**STRENGTHENING OF IICA/CATIE RELATIONS
AND PROGRESS IN THE EXECUTION OF JOINT ACTIONS 2002-2004**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc.298(05) "Report on Efforts to Strengthen Relations between IICA and CATIE, and the Implementation of Joint Actions" and Resolution IICA/CE/Res.431 (XXV-O/05) "Strengthening of IICA/CATIE Relations and Progress in Joint Actions,"

CONSIDERING:

That the Governing Bodies of IICA, on different occasions, have attached special attention to strengthening IICA's strategic partnerships, especially with CATIE, given their common origin and the complementary nature of the mandates of both institutions;

That the Director General of IICA has reported on progress by the Institute in consolidating its strategic partnerships, as a means of increasing the effectiveness of its cooperation and making more efficient use of scarce resources;

That IICA and CATIE have made important progress in executing joint actions and strengthening the mechanisms for relations between the two Institutions in technical, administrative and management issues, so as to boost their capabilities and create synergies in order to provide better service to the Member States;

That, in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.431 (XXV-O/05), the Executive Committee urged IICA, CATIE and the Government of Costa Rica, in collaboration with representatives of other Member States, to conclude the analysis of legal, technical and administrative questions and propose an institutional arrangement that will ensure joint action between IICA and CATIE, and instructed the Director General of IICA to report on same to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues so that it may submit the corresponding recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report on progress in strengthening the ties between IICA and CATIE and in executing joint activities and projects.
2. To instruct the Director Generals of IICA and CATIE to incorporate into the Annual Reports of their respective institutions a section on IICA/CATIE relations and on the projects and activities they carry out jointly.
3. To express appreciation for and endorse the initiative and measures adopted by the Executive Committee in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.431 (XXV-O/05) calling for the proposal of an institutional arrangement that will ensure joint action between IICA and CATIE, and to require that any proposed arrangement be consulted with the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, for presentation to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee