

RESOLUTION No. 447

**IICA-FAO JOINT ACTION ON BEHALF OF
AGRICULTURE IN THE AMERICAS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

The document “Strengthening Partnership and Coordination between IICA and FAO to the benefit of Agriculture in the Americas”,

CONSIDERING:

That IICA and FAO are the two most important organizations in the Americas mandated to provide technical cooperation to the countries of the region, to support them in their efforts to achieve the development of modern, competitive and sustainable agriculture and improve the living conditions of the rural population;

That the Member States of the two organizations, with a view to strengthening relations and joint action, consider it essential that both agencies respond in a coordinated and more efficient and effective manner to the demand for their services; and

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues (SACMI), the Director General of IICA presented to the Member States the document “Strengthening Partnership and Coordination between IICA and FAO to the benefit of Agriculture in the Americas”, which contains an analysis of the matter and recommends strengthening ties between the two organizations within the framework of a new model,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director General for the document “Strengthening Partnership and Coordination between IICA and FAO to the benefit of Agriculture in the Americas.”
2. To direct SACMI:
 - a. to analyze the document “Strengthening Partnership and Coordination between IICA and FAO to the benefit of Agriculture in the Americas” and develop options for closer IICA-FAO integration; and
 - b. to present recommendations to the IICA Executive Committee in 2010 on how to proceed on IICA-FAO integration with a view towards a formal proposal on this integration, including an analysis of modalities and other considerations, at the 2011 meeting of the IABA.
3. To request that the Member States, through the appropriate channels, present to the corresponding institutions any proposal that may wish to make.
4. To direct the Director General of IICA to provide whatever technical, legal and logistical support SACMI may require to carry out this mandate.