

RESOLUTION No. 477

JOINT ACTIONS BETWEEN IICA AND FAO

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

HAVING HEARD:

The presentation made by the Directors General of FAO and IICA on guidelines they propose for strengthening joint action between IICA and FAO in aid of the countries of the Americas,

CONSIDERING:

That the Executive Committee, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res.531(XXX-O/10) resolved: (i) to establish that the strategy to be adopted for strengthening ties between the two institutions should be to develop mechanisms to deepen and broaden the coverage of joint actions, and (ii) to instruct the Director General to continue efforts to develop new and more effective links with FAO, to strengthen and expand the coverage and scope of joint actions in the common areas established in the agreements currently in effect, and any others that the two parties may agree upon in the future;

That, in his presentation to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva, Director General-elect of FAO informed the Member States of IICA that, upon assuming office as Director General of that organization in January 2012, he will work with the Director General of IICA to prepare a strategy and a program for joint action between IICA and FAO in aid of the nations of the Americas, and

That Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva also pledged to strengthen cooperation between FAO and the nations of the Americas during his term in office,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva on his election as Director General of FAO, and wish him every success in office.

2. To thank Dr. Jose Graziano Da Silva for his commitment to strengthening joint actions with IICA during his future term in office and to consolidating the mechanisms for programming, implementing, monitoring and evaluating such joint actions.
3. To ask the Director General of IICA to present the Strategy and IICA-FAO Joint Action Program to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-second Regular Meeting, to be held in 2012 .
4. To urge Member States: (i) to have their representatives to the FAO governing bodies support the strengthening of joint actions with IICA and (ii) to the extent possible, to encourage and support the design and implementation of joint technical cooperation actions between IICA and FAO in their respective countries as well as in regional integration mechanisms.