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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MECHANISM FOR APPOINTING THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF  
AGRICULTURE (IABA) TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND  
HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE)**

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## **I. Introduction**

The Contract of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) stipulates that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) is to appoint one representative to CATIE's Board of Directors (clause 16) and one representative to the Center's Governing Council (clause 10).

Based on document IICA/JIA/Doc. 282(03), the IABA adopted resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 397(XII-O/03), in which it established a simple rotation mechanism. Every three years, a given Member State was to appoint one of its citizens to represent the IABA on CATIE's Board of Directors; and every two years, another country was to designate the IABA's representative to CATIE's Governing Council.

The IABA also established the responsibilities of its Representative to CATIE's Governing Council by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 473(XVI-O/11), which is attached in Annex 1.

At the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of IICA's Executive Committee, held in October 2012, Argentina drew attention to the need to define the duties of the IABA's Representative to CATIE's Board of Directors based on those established for the IABA's Representative to the Center's Governing Council. It also proposed that a single country represent the IABA on both of CATIE's governing bodies, in order to facilitate follow-up to agreements and the presentation of results.

## **II. Proposed rotation and responsibilities**

In accordance with the procedure currently in force, and in response to the suggestion made by Argentina, it is proposed that the following IICA Member States appoint the IABA's representative to both of CATIE's governing bodies for the periods indicated:

<b>REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IABA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CATIE</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Period</b>
South	Chile	2015-2017
Andean	Ecuador	2018-2020
Caribbean	Grenada	2021-2023
Northern	Canada	2024-2026

Furthermore, it is proposed that the following changes be made to the responsibilities established in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 473, so they can also be applied to the person who represents the IABA on CATIE's Board of Directors:

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IABA TO THE  
GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CATIE<sup>1</sup>**

Present text	Amended text
<p>2. To coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA's position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions taken to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities.</p>	<p>2. To coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA's position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council <b>and the Board of Directors</b> of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions taken to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities.</p>
<p>4. To confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA about any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters which require a vote of the Council.</p>	<p>4. To confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA about any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council and <b>the Board of Directors</b> of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters which require a vote of the Council <b>or the Board of Directors.</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Set forth in Resolution IICA/IABA/Res. 473(XVI-O/11).

## ANNEX 1

IICA/JIA/Res. 473 (XVI-O/11)  
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### **RESOLUTION No. 473**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IABA TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE)**

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

#### HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 351 (11) “Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE),”

#### CONSIDERING:

That, in accordance with the Law establishing CATIE, the IABA is that Center’s highest governing body and has the right to appoint a representative to the Governing Council of CATIE, with the right to participate and vote in its meetings;

That, in accordance with IABA Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 461 (XV-O/09), Member States that will designate the IABA representative to the Governing Council of CATIE are: Dominica (2011-2012); United States of America (2013-2014); Chile (2015-2016) and Ecuador (2017-2018);

That (i) IICA contributes roughly US\$ 1,000,000 per year to CATIE from the quotas it receives from the Member States; (ii) that this Center is also the usufructuary of IICA’s farms in Turrialba and “La Lola” in Siquirres; and (iii) that CATIE and IICA jointly administer the Orton Memorial Library;

That the Executive Committee, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, adopted Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 550 (XXXI-O/11), in which it accepted the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action for the period 2011-2014;

That the Executive Committee, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 532 (XXX-O/10), passed at its Thirtieth Regular Meeting, proposed to the IABA, in carrying out its mandate, the IABA's representative to the Governing Council of CATIE ensure that the joint activities between IICA and CATIE are reinforced and that the technical, administrative and financial mechanisms used to facilitate joint actions are strengthened; and

That the Executive Committee, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 543 (XXXI-O/11), passed at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, proposed to the IABA the responsibilities that the person appointed by its representative on the Governing Council of CATIE should assume,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To approve the responsibilities to be carried out by the person designated by the corresponding Member State as the IABA's representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, as outlined in the Annex to the present resolution.
2. To task the Director General of IICA with providing the Member State that appoints the person to represent the IABA on the Governing Council of CATIE with the information, legal advice and logistical and technical support required to carry out the responsibilities specified in the present resolution.

**Annex**  
**Responsibilities of the IABA Representative**  
**on the Governing Council of CATIE**

1. To develop a working knowledge of the Contract between the Government of Costa Rica and IICA on CATIE, as amended by Costa Rica Law 8028 of October 12, 2000, and the Joint Cooperation Agreement between IICA and CATIE of July 13, 2011.
2. To coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA's position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions taken to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities.
3. To keep abreast of the commitments assumed and the agreements and resolutions adopted by both the IABA and the Executive Committee of IICA that have an impact on relations between IICA and CATIE, and, in particular, any that have to do with the joint activities implemented on behalf of the Member States.
4. To confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA about any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters which require a vote of the Council.
5. To provide follow-up to the implementation of the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action by: (i) requesting a special report from CATIE on the Program; (ii) keeping abreast of developments related to its implementation; (iii) proposing initiatives designed to strengthen the mechanisms for joint action; and, (iv) supporting efforts to overcome any limitations that affect the execution of the Program for Joint Action.
6. To submit an annual report on the Representative's activities to both the Executive Committee and the Director General of IICA.