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### **STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND AND THE THIRTY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**I. General Information**

The Thirty-second Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from October 9-10, 2012. The 2012 Executive Committee comprised the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, United States of America, and Venezuela<sup>1</sup>.

Ms. María Guadalupe Bardelli, Director of Regional Negotiations and Disputes of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Ms. Silvana Vallejo Páez, Deputy Minister for Rural Development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries of Ecuador, be elected to serve as rapporteur.

**II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2012 Executive Committee**

RESOLUTION	STATUS	OBSERVATIONS
<p><b>Resolution N.º 554</b> <i>“2011 Financial Statements of the Institute, Report of the External Auditors and Eighteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</i></p> <p>1. To accept the 2011 financial statements of the Institute and the report of the external auditors, and to instruct the Director General to submit them, for information, to the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>2. To approve the Eighteenth Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>3. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>IICA reviewed with the ARC the actions carried out to implement the recommendations that the ARC made in its eighteenth report, issued following its meeting from May 8-9, 2013.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution No. 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from July 23-24, 2003.

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 555 “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, and other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</li> <li>2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2012 and those owed for previous years; and, b) to keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area.</li> <li>4. To urge the Member States to keep up to date with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The efforts to collect quotas were carried out as planned and achieved satisfactory results.</p> <p>The Institute is in constant communication with the countries to secure the payment of quotas and up-to-date information on the progress made with the collection of quota contributions was presented for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting, which was held from June 17-18, 2013.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 556</b> “Recovery of the indirect costs of externally funded projects. Institutional Net Rate - INR”</p> <p>To instruct the Director General, in determining the INR to be applied in Agreements or Contracts entered into by IICA for the implementation of externally funded projects and activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To adopt the methodology and criteria defined in Document IICA/CE/Doc. 604 (12), “Study on the Recovery of Costs Incurred by the Administration of Externally Funded Projects,” for establishing the minimum INR applicable to projects and other externally funded cooperation activities, with due regard for the exceptions established in that document.</li> <li>2. To consider in the annual studies the criteria of competitiveness and proportionality and the net neutral approach established in the methodology, which may also take into account the tendencies of the last two or three years, for the purpose of seeking the rate that is fair and representative of actual costs.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>All the Offices and Units were informed of the Institutional Net Rate (INR) policy that they are to apply to externally funded projects, taking into account the exceptions mentioned in the methodology adopted in the study that was conducted.</p> <p>Based on the criteria established in the INR study, the rate for 2012 was calculated considering aspects such as competitiveness, proportionality, and the net neutral approach, so that the Offices could apply it to externally funded projects.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 557</b> “Report on the evaluation of activities under the Program for Joint Action between the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) and IICA for the period 2011-2014”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the “Report on the evaluation of the progress made in implementing the IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program.”</li> <li>2. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue strengthening their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Program for Joint Action, with a view</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The main activities carried out up to May 2013 are indicated below, according to their respective Program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Innovation for Productivity and Competitiveness Program:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint activities to combat coffee rust in Central America and Mexico, in support of the region’s governments and MoAs, aimed at stabilizing and reversing the situation by means of agricultural practices and systematic applications of pesticides.</li> <li>• IICA is providing official support and backing to the actions that CATIE is implementing in the</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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<p>to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p>		<p>Amazon Region (State of Acre) and their links with the activities of PROCITROPICOS. In particular, and with the participation of Germany's GIZ and support from the CTL, five virtual courses for the Amazon Network were concluded.</p> <p><i>2. Agriculture, Natural Resources and Climate Change Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter of understanding for collaboration was signed, aimed at the joint preparation of a virtual course on the adaptation of agriculture to climate change.</li> <li>• Initial identification of common actions on adaptation of agriculture to climate change in the Trifinio region. (CASCADE/CATIE and ELACC programs)</li> <li>• Close coordination of joint activities for the dissemination of studies on vulnerability in Mesoamerica under the UNEP/REGATTA Project.</li> <li>• Integration of the management of risks associated with climate change, with the collaboration of the CTL.</li> </ul> <p><i>3. Agriculture, Territories and Rural Well-being Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for the implementation of the ECADERT and actions to promote area-based rural development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued participation in the Coordinating Group of the Regional Platform for Technical Support (PRAT), and in the inter-agency working groups on family agriculture and area-based development, the Central American Dry Corridor, equity and inclusion, and social communication.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leadership and active participation in training activities for managers of area-based development, for Costa Rica's INDER, and joint actions in selected territories.</li> <li>• Preparation of the 2013 work plan, which includes institutional contributions in support of ECADERT.</li> </ul> <p>An IICA-CATIE working group was set up to review and deal with administrative and legal aspects, and resolve matters that require the attention of both institutions.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 558</b> <i>“Report on the status of the activities of the Joint Action Program of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and IICA”</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the “Director General’s Report on the progress made in strengthening IICA-CARDI relations.”</li> <li>2. To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their technical links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of agricultural and rural development efforts in the Caribbean.</li> <li>3. To urge IICA and CARDI to formulate and implement a proposal to jointly seek external financing as a basis for technical cooperation between the two institutions, that is broader, more active and more beneficial to the member countries of both organizations.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Resolution in effect</p>	<p>Information about the IICA-CARDI Joint Action Program was presented to the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which took place from June 17-18, 2013.</p>

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 559</b> “<i>Report on collaboration between IICA and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)</i>”</p> <p>1. To accept the “Report on IICA-CGIAR Collaboration.”</p> <p>2. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States of the Institute to provide, in their respective countries and in the integration mechanisms, the support required to reach agreement on, strengthen, and expand joint actions between IICA and the CGIAR at the national and/or regional levels.</p> <p>3. To support the efforts of the Director General of IICA to consolidate the partnership between IICA and the CGIAR, given its importance in strengthening the technical cooperation provided to the Member States.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The main activities carried out up to May 2013 are indicated below, according to their respective Program:</p> <p>1. <i>Agriculture, Natural Resources and Climate Change Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions identified with CIAT/CCAFS aimed at enhancing the expertise of key actors in agriculture and climate change, in close coordination with the CAC.</li> <li>• CIAT/IICA joint organization of a webinar on climate change scenarios, programmed for the month of July 2013 under the REGATTA Project.</li> <li>• Active participation by IICA in the Committee of Technical Advisers for the preparation of a “Strategic Plan of Action to Strengthen the Conservation and Use of Mesoamerican Plant Genetic Resources for the Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change,” a project coordinated by Bioversity International with the support of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.</li> </ul> <p>2. <i>Innovation for Productivity and Competitiveness Program:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Series of actions in support of the establishment of effective links between the CGIAR centers and the PROCIs, particularly for the identification and transfer of genetic material and the implementation of projects on specific crops.</li> <li>• IICA support for the GFAR and CGIAR in the organization and implementation of the GCARD 2 meeting (Uruguay). A workshop was held to prepare for this meeting, and the joint “Foresight” document was prepared by IICA, CIAT, and</li> </ul>



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		<p>IFPRI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A workshop was held with CIAT and IFPRI to begin the work, and a study is under way on the capacity of the institutions involved in research in LAC.</li> <li>• At the request of the CGIAR's CEO, a joint project is being developed to align the CRPs for Latin America and the Caribbean.</li> <li>• CIP and CIAT are providing support to IICA for the implementation of projects in Central America.</li> <li>• Support for CIP in identifying needs and requirements with regard to roots, tubers, and bananas in LAC.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 560</b> “2011 Annual Report of IICA”</p> <p>To approve the 2011 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 561</b> “Report of the 2012 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)”</p> <p>To accept the Report of the 2012 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 562</b> “Status of the resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA and the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA),” and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No actions pending</p>

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 563</b> “<i>Report of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</i>”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To accept the report of Mr. Matthew Walter, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Dominica and Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of CATIE for the period 2011-2012.</li> <li>2. To task the Director General of IICA with presenting to the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, scheduled to be held in Argentina in 2013, the report of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council of CATIE for the period 2011-2012.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>The report is available in the Information System of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which is due to be held from September 24-27, 2013.</p>
<p><b>Resolution N.º 564</b> “<i>Date and venue of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee</i>”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To sincerely thank the Government of Mexico for its offer to host the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in that country.</li> <li>2. To establish that the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held in Mexico in the first half of 2013.</li> <li>3. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation to the Member States to participate in the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</li> </ol>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>In letter SC/DG-055 on January 29, 2013 the Director General of IICA extended gracious thanks the Government of Mexico.</p> <p>The Thirty-Third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was held from June 17-18 2013 in Mexico City.</p> <p>The convocation to the Member States was sent on May 3, 2013.</p>

### III. Other resolutions

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<p><b>Resolution N.º 506</b> <i>“Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture”</i></p> <p>1. To adopt and put into effect immediately, subject to approval by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, the Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA), contained in Appendix A to this Resolution.</p> <p>2. To adopt the Transitory Provisions for the implementation of the Bylaws of the ICOA, contained in Appendix B to this Resolution.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The Bylaws of the ICOA was approved by the IABA in October 30, 2009 by resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 455 (XV-O/09).</p> <p>The report of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA) on the main activities carried out during the period 2009-2012 was presented in Information Document No. 01 of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which took place from June 17-18, 2013.</p>

## **STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **I. General Information**

The Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from June 18-19, 2013.

The 2013 Executive Committee comprised the following countries: Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Suriname and United States of America.

Mr. Ricardo Aguilar, Undersecretary for Food and Competitiveness of the General Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food of Mexico, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mr. Mr. Andrés Bernal Morales, Head of the Legal Office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Colombia, be elected to serve as rapporteur.

### **II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2013 Executive Committee**

IICA will provide the necessary follow-up to the resolutions adopted at the recent Executive Committee meeting. It will also provide a progress report at its meeting to be held in 2014, on those resolutions requiring specific action on the part of the Institute.

The resolutions have been included in the final report of the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which can be accessed via the Information System of the 2013 IABA.