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TWENTIETH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was held in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and Resolution IICA/CE/Res.324(XIX-O/99).

The members of the 2000 Executive Committee were: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belize, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Peru, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The following member countries of the Institute not sitting on the 2000 Executive Committee also participated: Brazil, Canada, Colombia, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and Paraguay, as did the members of the Audit Review Committee, representatives of agencies of the inter-American system, of Permanent Observers of IICA, and of other organizations.

The preparatory session took place on November 2, 2000, at IICA Headquarters, under the chairmanship of the Benedito Rosa do Espiritu Santo, Representative of Brazil. During that session, the Committee elected Mr. James Schroeder, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture, United States Development of Agriculture, as chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Alberto Dent Zeledon, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, as rapporteur.

The agenda of the meeting was approved during the Preparatory Session.

I. RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

Financial and Budgetary Items

Resolution No. 332 1999 Financial Statements of the Institute

Resolution No. 333 Sixth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)

Technical Items

Resolution No. 334 IICA Technical Cooperation in the Harmonization of Risk Analysis and the Legal Regulatory Framework for the Application of WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Institutional Items

Resolution No. 335 The Upcoming Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture

Resolution No. 336	Date and Site of the Twenty-First Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee
Regulatory Items	
Resolution No. 337	1999 Annual Report
Resolution No. 338	Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture
Resolution No. 339	Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee
Resolution No. 340	First Report of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues
Resolution No. 341	Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute
Resolution No. 342	Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate, the Staff Rules, the Financial Rules, and the Rules for Classification of IICA Personnel
Inter-Institutional Items	
Resolution No. 343	Legal Personality and Privileges and Immunities for CATIE

II. ISSUES ADDRESSED

1. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

- 1.1 1999 Annual Report
- 1.2 The Upcoming Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture

- 1.3 First Report of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues
2. **Institutional Development Policy**
 - 2.1 The New Institutional Dimension, The Modernization Process, and the Strengthening and Revitalization of Links between the Institute and other OAS Bodies
 - 2.2 Amendments to the Staff and Financial Rules, and to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate
3. **Financial and Administrative Issues**
 - 3.1 Financial Statements of the Institute, Report of the External Auditors and Comments by the Director General on the 1999 Report of the External Auditors
 - 3.2 Sixth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)
 - 3.3 The Modernization Process
4. **Discussion on Technical and Thematic Issues**
 - 4.1 Trade-related issues in Agriculture
5. **Other Institutional Issues**
 - 5.1 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)
 - 5.2 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee
 - 5.3 Date and Site of the Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee
6. **Other Business**
 - 6.1 Protocol Governing the Election of the Director General of the Institute.
 - 6.2 Report on the Contract of the Tropical Agriculture Re-search and Higher Education Center (CATIE) recently approved by the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica.

TWENTY-FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Twenty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture was held in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and Resolution IICA/CE/Res.336(XIX-O/00).

The members of the 2001 Executive Committee were: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, United States of America and Uruguay.

The following member countries of the Institute not sitting on the 2000 Executive Committee also participated: Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Paraguay and Trinidad and Tobago, as did the members of the Audit Review Committee, candidates for the position of Director General of the Institute for the 2002-2006 period, Directors Emeritus, representatives of agencies of the inter-American system and Permanent Observers of the Institute.

The preparatory session took place on 25 July 2001, at IICA Headquarters, under the chairmanship of the Mr. Thomas Hamby, Representative of the United States of America. During that session, the Committee elected Mr. Walter Nuñez Rodriguez, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Bolivia, as chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Sergio Narvaez Sampson, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Forestry of Nicaragua, as rapporteur.

The agenda of the meeting was approved during the Preparatory Session.

I. RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

Financial Items

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| Resolution No. 344 | Financing of the Regular Fund in 2002 and 2003 and Distribution of Resources for 2002 |
| Resolution No. 345 | 2000 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors |
| Resolution No. 346 | Seventh Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) |

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| Resolution No. 347 | Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC) |
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Institutional Items

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| Resolution No. 348 | 2000 Annual Report |
| Resolution No. 349 | 2001 Summit of the Americas Action Plan |
| Resolution No. 350 | Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues |
| Resolution No. 351 | Amendment of Standards for IICA Associates |
| Resolution No. 352 | Agenda of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) |
| Resolution No. 353 | Date and Site of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee |
| Resolution No. 354 | Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture |
| Resolution No. 355 | Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee |
| Resolution No. 356 | Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector |

Special Items

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| Resolution No. 357 | Tribute to Mr. James R. Ebbitt |
| Resolution No. 358 | Support for Alternative Development Programs Aimed at the Substitution of Illicit Crops |

Inter-Institutional Items

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| Resolution No. 359 | Biennial Report on the Activities of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) |
| Resolution No. 360 | Election of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) |

Resolution No. 361 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)

II. ISSUES ADDRESSED

1. Provisional agenda of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)
2. **Reports of the Director General**
 - 2.1 2000 Annual Report
 - 2.2 Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life
3. **Institutional Policy**
 - 3.1 Report of the *ex officio* Chairman of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues
4. **Budgetary and Programming Issues**
 - 4.1 2002-2003 Program Budget
5. **Financial Issues**
 - 5.1 Financial Statements of the Institute and 2000 Report of the External Auditors
 - 5.2 Seventh Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)
 - 5.3 Election of a Member of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)
 - 5.4 Extension of the Contract of the External Auditors for the 2002-2003 Biennium
6. **Inter-Institutional Relations**
 - 6.1 Election of the Representative of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) to the Governing Council of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)
 - 6.2 Agreement to Establish the IICA/CATIE Consortium

7. Other Institutional Issues

- 7.1 Presentations by the Candidates to the Post of Director General of IICA
- 7.2 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)
- 7.2 Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twentieth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee
- 7.4 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector
 - Selection of Candidates for the Awards
- 7.5 Date and Site of the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

8. Other Business

- 8.1 Report on the Activities of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)
- 8.2 Report on the Activities of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)