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**PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDING THE MANDATE
OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON MANAGEMENT MATTERS (SACMI)**

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The Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) was established by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), through Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.341(X-O/99), with the purpose of facilitating “more regular discussion between the Director General and the Member States on administrative and financial initiatives and issues in order to facilitate the process of reaching consensus on those issues and initiatives in the Executive Committee and in the IABA.”

The SACMI has the following functions:

- i. Advise and assist the Director General in developing, evaluating, and implementing proposals for improving, modernizing, and transforming the administration and financial management of the Institute;
- ii. Facilitate consultations among the Member States and with the Director General on financial and administrative issues and initiatives;
- iii. Adopt its own Rules of Procedure consistent with the provisions of the Institute’s rules and regulations; and
- iv. Report annually to the Executive Committee on its activities;

The SACMI’s mandate was extended for two additional years on the occasion of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the IABA (November 2001), as stipulated in Resolution 366 of that governing body.

The working documents of the upcoming Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA include the 2003 Report of the SACMI, which contains both the recommendations presented by the SACMI to the Director General, the Executive Committee and the IABA, and a description of the actions taken by the General Directorate to fulfill same. This report is being submitted in compliance with IABA Resolution 366, which instructed the Director General to report semiannually to the Member States on measures adopted in response to SACMI recommendations.

The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, welcomed the 2003 SACMI Report and used it as basis for adopting important decisions to strengthen strategic IICA programs in the areas of trade, agribusinesses, food safety and agricultural health. It also contributed to facilitating the adoption of measures to solve the critical problem of quota arrearages and decisions to facilitate the restructuring of the Institute’s finances, whose regular fund budget has been frozen since 1995.

In the course of the deliberations of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Canadian Delegation recommended that the Executive Committee propose to the IABA, at its Twelfth Regular Meeting, that it extend the mandate of the SACMI for another two years, until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA (2005), in accordance with Article 9.1 of the SACMI Statute.

The Canadian Delegation underscored the importance of the SACMI's work in analyzing issues referring to the operation, management and future of the Institute, noting its valuable recommendations both for the Director General and for the governing bodies of the Institute. It highlighted the relevant role that the Advisory Commission had played in efforts to develop and achieve consensus on the matters submitted to its review.

The Executive Committee welcomed this recommendation and charged the Director General with drafting a proposal to extend the mandate of the SACMI for another two years, to be submitted to the consideration of the IABA, at its Twelfth Regular Meeting. The present document and attached draft resolution are presented in fulfillment of that mandate.

APPENDIX

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 4

**EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Twelfth Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That, through Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.341(X-O/99), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) created the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (“Advisory Commission”) for the purpose of facilitating “more regular discussion between the Director General and the Member States on administrative and financial initiatives and issues in order to facilitate the process of reaching consensus on those issues and initiatives in the Executive Committee and in the IABA”;

That, as indicated in the paragraph above, the work of the Advisory Commission is not intended to replace the Institute’s internal and external audit procedures;

That the SACMI held its 2003 meeting at IICA Headquarters on May 29-30 of the current year;

That the 2003 Report of the SACMI contains recommendations, both for the Executive Committee and for the General Directorate of the Institute, on matters pertaining to institutional and financial policy, as well as on other matters of importance for furthering the transformation of the Institute and strengthening its management;

That among those recommendations, the SACMI includes a series of measures for restructuring the finances of the Institute, which are set out in working document IICA/JIA/Doc.275b(03)) of this regular meeting of the IABA;

That, in accordance with Article 9.1 of its Statute, the SACMI has a duration of two years, and by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.366(XI-O/01), the IABA, at its Eleventh Regular Meeting, extended it until the date of its Twelfth Regular Meeting;

That the Executive Committee, after assessing the recommendations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, recommended in Resolution IICA/CE/Res.391(XXIII-O/03) “Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (2003) and Measures for Restructuring the Finances of the Institute,” that the mandate of the Advisory Commission be extended for another two years,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend the mandate of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) another two years, as of the date of the approval of this resolution and until the date of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Statute of the Commission.
2. To charge the Director General with reporting to the Member States on the measures adopted in response to recommendations made by the Advisory Commission.
3. To urge the Member States to provide the support the General Directorate requires for complying with this resolution.
4. To thank the SACMI for its work and, in particular, for the attention it gave to analyzing and improving the measures for restructuring the finances of IICA.