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**PROPOSAL TO RENEW THE MANDATE  
OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ON MANAGEMENT ISSUES (SACMI)**

**Guayaquil, Ecuador**

In Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.341(X-O/99), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) created the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) to “facilitate more regular discussions 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 functions of the SACMI are:

1. To 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;
2. To facilitate consultations among the Member States and between them and the Director General on financial and administrative issues and initiatives;
3. To adopt its own Rules of Procedure consistent with the regulatory provisions of the Institute; and
4. To report annually to the Executive Committee on its activities.

The IABA, at its Eleventh Regular Meeting, held in November 2001, approved Resolution 366, extending the term of the SACMI for two years.

The Canadian delegation underscored the important work of the Commission in analyzing important matters related to the operation, management and future of the Institute, referred to many valuable recommendations it had made to the Director General and the Governing Bodies of the Institute, and called attention to the important role it has played in building and reaching consensus on the matters submitted for its consideration.

The Executive Committee accepted that proposal and entrusted the Director General with preparing a proposal calling for the mandate of the SACMI to be extended for two more years, and presenting it to the IABA at its Twelfth Regular Meeting.

In Resolution 394, the IABA agreed to extend the mandate of the SACMI for a further two years, from the date of that Resolution and until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Statute of the SACMI.

At its last three meetings, the Executive Committee has accepted the reports of the SACMI and used them as the basis foundation for adopting important decisions related to

strengthening IICA's strategic programs in the areas of trade, agribusiness, food safety, agricultural health and biotechnology. The Commission also recommended measures for solving the critical problem of delays in the payment of quotas to IICA, as well as a number of actions to facilitate the restructuring of IICA's finances, whose Regular Fund budget has been frozen since 1995.

In 2004, and through May 2005, the Commission has advised the Director General on matters related to:

- the modernization of the Institute
- the financial situation of IICA and budget proposals
- the collection of quotas owed by the Member States
- the new initiatives in strategic areas such as biotechnology and biosafety
- other matters of interest to the Member States and the Institute.

In recognition of that work and, in particular, the contributions of the Commission to the design of measures for facilitating the collection of quotas owed to IICA, the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, approved Resolution 438, in which it recommended that the IABA, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, extend the mandate of the SACMI until the date of its Fourteenth Regular Meeting.

The extension of the term of the SACMI as an advisory body to the Director General of IICA is on the agenda of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA. At that meeting, the IABA will take the corresponding decision.

## ANNEX

IICA/CE/Res. 438 (XXV-O/05)  
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### **RESOLUTION No. 438**

#### **REPORT ON THE 2005 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND EXTENSION OF THE COMMISSION'S TERM**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting,

#### HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.457(05), "Report on the 2005 Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues,"

#### CONSIDERING:

That, by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.341(99), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture ("IABA") created the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues ("SACMI") to facilitate 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 the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA);"

That the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues held its 2005 meeting at IICA Headquarters on March 17-18, 2005, and presented its report and recommendations to the Director General,

That the SACMI's term, if not extended, will expire upon the date of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA pursuant to Article 9.1 of its Statute and Resolution IICA/IABA Res. 394 (XII-O/03);

That in view of the SACMI's significant contributions to the work of the Institute, its term should be extended until the IABA's Fourteenth Regular Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the Report on the 2005 Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues("SACMI").
2. To recommend that the IABA, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, extend the SACMI's term until the date of its Fourteen Regular Meeting.