

RESOLUTION No. 483

**STATUS OF THE ASSESSMENT OF
TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AT IICA**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.525(08) “Progress with the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA”,

CONSIDERING:

That under Resolution IICA/CE/Res.447(XXVI-O/06) “Assessment of IICA’s Technical Capabilities”, the Executive Committee instructed the Director General to support and coordinate the assessment of the technical expertise of IICA’s personnel, to be conducted by external experts, and to present it to Member States and the Executive Committee for consideration before the end of the first half of 2007;

That pursuant to that mandate, the General Directorate hired the consulting firm “*Servicios Internacionales para el Desarrollo Empresarial SIDE S.A.*”, which has presented to the Executive Committee a report on the assessment of technical expertise at IICA, based on the terms of reference approved by the Executive Committee, the guidelines of the Steering Committee and the work schedule prepared with the General Directorate;

That after receiving that report, the Executive Committee established, under resolution IICA/CE/Res.462(XXVII-O/07), a process for following up on the report, which included consultations with all Member States of the Institute;

That under resolution IICA/JIA/Res.430(XIV-O/07), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) instructed the Director General to draw up a plan of action for implementing the recommendations contained in the report on the assessment of technical expertise and to report thereon to the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI);

That under that same Resolution, the IABA extended the term of the Steering Committee until the next regular meeting of the IABA, to be held in 2009, and requested that that Committee, with the support of a team appointed by the Director General, present

a report to the IABA at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting on progress with strengthening technical expertise at IICA; and

That at its meeting held in April this year, the SACMI considered a report from the Steering Committee and the Director General's response to the assessment of technical expertise at IICA and made the pertinent recommendations to this Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report of IICA on progress with the implementation of actions aimed at improving technical expertise at IICA in order to meet the cooperation needs of Member States contained in the technical cooperation agendas and the resolutions adopted by the governing bodies of IICA.
2. To instruct the Director General to continue to implement the actions aimed at improving technical expertise at IICA in 2008 and 2009 that can be implemented by decision of the Director General and that do not require the allocation of additional resources.
3. To instruct the Director General to present to the Executive Committee at its next meeting a report on progress with implementing the recommendations to improve technical expertise at IICA.