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RESOLUTION No. 358

SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
AIMED AT THE SUBSTITUTION OF ILLICIT CROPS

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, in its Twenty-first Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That rural populations in the Andean countries residing in areas where agricultural raw materials are produced to make illicit psychotropic substances, particularly coca and poppy, face growing difficulties in developing legitimate and competitive production structures, which hinders the access of their products to markets, and prevents them from increasing their incomes and improving their standards of living;

That the production of "illicit" crops is part of a much larger and more complex problem involving the trafficking and consumption of drugs, which, while having a special impact in the Andean countries, also affects or poses a grave threat to the other countries of the Hemisphere.

That at the summit held in Quebec City, Canada, on April 20-22, 2001, the Presidents and Heads of State of the Americas pledged to facilitate access to their markets for products derived from alternative development programs being executed in countries committed to replacing "illicit" crops;

That within the framework of the Summit of the Twelfth Andean Presidential Council, held in the city of Valencia, Venezuela, on June 23-24, 2001, the Andean Plan for Cooperation in Combating Drugs was approved and the Andean Alternative Development Committee (CADA) was officially established as the body responsible for developing a regional vision and working on solutions to the problems faced by the Andean governments and the international community vis-à-vis "illicit" crops;

That at the Andean Presidential Summit in Valencia, Venezuela, the Andean governments decided to formalize their recognition of CADA as a specialized body for implementing the Andean Plan for Cooperation in Combating Drugs;

That by decision of the specialized government agencies of the Andean countries, meeting as CADA at its third working meeting, held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, June 5-7, 2001, IICA was charged with serving as the Technical Secretariat of CADA,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the Institute's commitment to provide cooperation for Andean countries in their efforts, at the regional and national levels, related to alternative development, through its five cooperation agencies in those countries, and through the CADA Technical Secretariat, subject to the availability of Institute resources.
2. To recommend to IICA that the experiences and capabilities stemming from cooperation with alternative development programs and projects in the Andean countries be made available to other countries of the hemisphere that are threatened by the expansion into their territories of the production of crops of "illicit use".
3. To charge the Director General of IICA with informing the presidents and ministries of foreign relations of the Andean countries, as well as the Andean Community, of his satisfaction that the Institute has been designated Technical Secretariat of CADA, and of his willingness to collaborate with efforts in the field of alternative development carried out by the Andean countries and institutions at the regional, bilateral and national levels.
4. To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, at its Eleventh Regular Meeting and in the exercise of its new function, seek commitments from international financial organizations, particularly the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank and the Andean Development Corporation, to work in concert with IICA and support the Andean countries in the preparation and funding of programs and projects for alternative development.
5. To ask the more developed Member States to contribute technical, financial and information resources so that the Institute can strengthen its cooperation

for Andean countries in the area of alternative development, both in zones affected by the influence of drug trafficking and in poor rural regions that are the source of migration to those areas.