

**RESOLUTION 387**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON JOINT IICA/FAO ACTIONS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.428(03) "Progress Report on Joint IICA/FAO Actions,"

CONSIDERING:

That the Executive Committee, in compliance with Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.361 (XI-O/01) and Resolution IICA/CE/Res.370(XXII-O/02), both referring to IICA-FAO relations, has called on the Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Director General of IICA to continue efforts to coordinate and expand joint actions among the two organizations, tapping the synergy generated by complementing their technical and operating capabilities, with the purpose of fostering the improvement of agriculture and rural life in the Americas;

That on the occasion of the 27th FAO Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Havana, Cuba, April 23-May 5, 2002, IICA and FAO signed an aide memoire for cooperation between the two organizations during the 2002-2003 period. This document established the general framework for joint cooperation, expressed the satisfaction of the two organizations with the progress achieved to date, and agreed on the importance of continuing the process of consultation and programming of actions, with a view to achieving a greater and more efficient coordination of programs and moving on to the identification of joint actions;

That FAO and IICA have made progress in 2002 in developing joint actions in high priority topics of strategic importance to the Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report on joint efforts carried out in 2002 by IICA and FAO (Document IICA/CE/Doc.428(XXIII-O/03) "Progress Report on Joint IICA-FAO Actions".
2. To instruct the Director General of IICA to continue assigning priority and special attention to forging closer relations with FAO, expanding the scope and importance of joint actions, and developing new mechanisms for the work agreed to by the two organizations.