

RESOLUTION No. 340

**FIRST REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twentieth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The document entitled "Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues, Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations, October 20, 2000,"

CONSIDERING:

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

That since its creation, the Special Advisory Commission has convened three times to assist the Director General on a variety of issues, including: the program budget formulation for the next biennium, the analysis of salary proposals, rules for the election of the Director General, proposed changes in the staff rules and financial rules of the Institute, the activity planning, coordination and execution process, the compilation and dissemination of qualitative and quantitative information, an evaluation of the decentralization process, and procurement policies;

That the Report of the Special Advisory Commission suggests that the Commission has achieved during its first year of operations its principal objectives of advising and assisting the Director General in developing, evaluating, and implementing proposals for improving, modernizing, and transforming the administration and financial management of the Institute, and in facilitating consultations among the Member States on administrative and financial matters;

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate and thank the Members of the Special Advisory Committee and their representatives for their Report, their dedication, and their valuable contributions to the work of the Institute during the past year.
2. To instruct the Director General to take into account the recommendations set out in the Special Advisory Committee's Report in his efforts to improve, modernize, and transform the administrative and financial management of the Institute.