

**RESOLUTION No. 431**

**STRENGTHENING OF IICA/CATIE RELATIONS  
AND PROGRESS IN JOINT EFFORTS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.467(05) "IICA-CATIE Relations: Progress in Joint Actions,".

CONSIDERING:

That the Executive Committee, on different occasions, has attached special attention to strengthening IICA's strategic partnerships, especially IICA-CATIE relations, given their common origin and the complementary nature of the mandates of both institutions;

That the Director General of IICA has presented reports on progress by the Institute in consolidating its strategic partnerships as a means of making cooperation more effective and making more efficient use of scarce resources;

That the General Directorate of IICA, the Government of Costa Rica and CATIE have set up a special commission to study and resolve legal, technical and administrative questions relevant to the institutional relationship between IICA and CATIE;

That the Director General of CATIE presented to the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA a thorough report on CATIE's work, which was accepted in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.396(XII-O/03),

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the report on progress in strengthening the ties between IICA and CATIE and in executing joint activities and projects.
2. To recognize the progress made by the Directors of IICA and CATIE, and the results obtained to date, and to encourage them to continue to strengthen the ties between their organizations and expand the coverage and subject matter of their joint projects.
3. To urge IICA, CATIE and the Government of Costa Rica, in collaboration with representatives of the other Member States (Argentina for the Southern Region, Barbados for the Caribbean Region, El Salvador for the Central Region, Peru for the Andean Region and Mexico for the Northern Region), to continue their efforts to address all pertinent legal, technical and administrative questions and propose an institutional arrangement supporting joint action between IICA and CATIE, and to ask the Director General of IICA to report on these efforts to the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues, so that it may make the corresponding recommendations to the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.

To recommend to the IABA that it incorporate into the guidelines for the preparation of the IICA and CATIE annual reports a specific section on the ties between IICA and CATIE and on the projects and activities they carry out jointly.