



Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee

**Status of the resolutions of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting
of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)**

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I. General Information

The Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held in the city of Cancun, Riviera Maya, Mexico, from 19-23 October 2015. Mr. José Calzada Rovirosa, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food of Mexico, chaired the meeting, and Ms. Ana Isabel Gómez, Director of the Executive Secretariat of Agriculture Sector Planning of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, served as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 492 “Report on the Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2015-2016”</p> <p>To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2015-2016,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as an extremely useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 493 “2016-2017 Program Budget”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acknowledge that the new model of the Program Budget is clearly consistent with the institutional strategic framework established in the 2014-2018 Medium-term Plan (MTP) approved by the Executive Committee and the IABA. 2. To approve the overall allocation of the sum of USD34,364,900 per year from the Regular Fund for the 2016-2017 biennium of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States totaling USD30,064,900 per year, including the quotas allocated and over-quota contributions, according to the amounts indicated in the Scale attached hereto as “Annex A,” and USD4,300,000 per year in miscellaneous income, consisting of income estimated to be generated and from the Miscellaneous Income Fund. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Implementation of the 2016-2017 Program Budget is underway for the year 2016, in strict compliance with the allocation of resources approved in Resolution No. 493. The resources for 2017 will be allocated in that year.</p>

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<p>3. To approve the use of resources for the 2016-2017 Program Budget for expenditures, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 371 (15), “2016-2017 Draft Program Budget” with the agreed adjustments. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached as “Annex B.”</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>4. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>5. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for the fiscal years 2016-2017 fall below estimated levels for the biennium, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of the situation.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>6. To instruct the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2016-2017 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund for the work program and priorities identified in the 2016-2017 Program Budget, in accordance with the Medium-term Plan approved by the IABA.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>7. To express appreciation for the voluntary over-quota contributions pledged by the Member States for the Program Budget, and any others they might consider making to complement the amount required to maintain at least the same operating level as in 2015.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	

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<p>Resolution No. 494 “Report on the Collection of Quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion. 2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years. 3. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area. 4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, especially those countries that have agreed plans with the Institute for the payment of quotas owed for previous years. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Letters of appreciation were sent for the quota payments received, in which IICA stressed the importance of those resources.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Institute has endeavored to collect quotas outstanding from previous years, maintaining regular communication with the countries in question.</p> <p>Member States will be informed of the status of the collection of quota contributions at the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to be held in August 2016.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 495 “2013-2014 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Report of the External Auditors and Twentieth and Twenty-first Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the 2013 and 2014 financial statements of IICA, as well as the reports of the external auditors. 2. To accept the Twentieth and Twenty-first Reports of the ARC. 3. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of IICA for the work accomplished. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 496 “Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports “Status of the Resolutions of the Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee”.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>No further action required.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 497 “Date and Venue of the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”</p> <p>To hold the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, in the second half of 2017.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	
<p>Resolution No. 498 “Vote of thanks to the Government of Mexico”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To express its sincere appreciation to H.E. Mr. José Calzada Rovirosa, Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food of Mexico, for his support in the organization and implementation of the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2015 and the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, events of great importance for agriculture in the Americas. 2. To express appreciation to the staff of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA), the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE) and other public and private institutions of Mexico for their warm welcome and their collaboration in the implementation of the two events, which have been determining factors in the success of both. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	

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<p>Resolution No. 499 “The Ministerial Meetings of Agriculture and the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acknowledge the effort made by the countries, in particular by the ministers of agriculture and the delegates, to construct the ministerial agreements, and to implement and provide follow-up to them in their respective countries. 2. To extend special recognition to the Dominican Republic, Panama, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Argentina, and Mexico, for their successful hosting of the biennial meetings of ministers of agriculture held from 2001 to 2015. 3. To capitalize on the experiences and lessons learned from the ministerial process surrounding the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action in drafting an agenda for the sustainable development of agriculture through 2030. 	Resolution implemented	The “Report on the Meetings of Ministers of Agriculture and the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas” was presented during the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, held in Cancun, Riviera Maya, Mexico, from October 19-23, 2015. The document reports on important issues addressed and milestones achieved at the global and hemispheric levels, as well as various initiatives that IICA has carried out to provide follow-up and give substance and content to the ministerial process on agriculture and rural life in the Americas and its results.
<p>Resolution No. 500 “Extension of the contract signed between the Government of Costa Rica and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) on the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support the automatic extension of the Contract, from 2020 onward, according to the terms of clause thirty-three of said contract. 2. To request that the Director General of IICA and the new Director General-elect of CATIE prepare a report on the relationship between the two institutions, including a proposal for improving it that would benefit the member countries of the Center and of the Institute. 3. To task the Executive Committee of IICA with studying said report at its next regular meeting and presenting it, with its recommendations, to the next regular meeting of the IABA. 	Resolution being implemented	Information on this topic will be presented to the Executive Committee at the governing body’s Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting, due to be held from August 23-24, 2016, at IICA Headquarters.

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<p>Resolution No. 501 “Institutional process for the formulation and presentation of proposals for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To conclude the work of the Group of Friends established by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting, without prejudice to the Executive Committee’s authority to establish new Groups of Friends of the Chair at future meetings; and to thank its members for their contributions and participation. 2. To transfer the mandate of the Group of Friends to the SACMI, so that it makes concrete recommendations to the Executive Committee at its next Regular Meeting concerning the reorganization and strengthening of IICA – its structure, sources of financing, and mandates – required to meet the cooperation needs of the Institute’s member countries. 3. To instruct the SACMI to encourage the Member States that do not form part of the Commission to take part in the discussion and drafting of recommendations to the Executive Committee on the matter, which could include, among others, suggestions for the amendment of the 1979 Convention on IICA. 4. To request that the Executive Committee, taking into account the recommendations of the SACMI, submit to the next meeting of the IABA proposals for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute, together with the draft regulatory amendments required. 5. To request that the Director General provide the SACMI and the Executive Committee with the technical and administrative support they require for this task. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p>	<p>Information on this topic will be presented to the Executive Committee at the governing body’s Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting, due to be held from August 23-24, 2016, at IICA Headquarters.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 502 “Working group to improve the capabilities of the countries of the Americas for sanitary and phytosanitary risk assessment”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create a working group with the objective of improving the capabilities of the countries of the Americas for sanitary and phytosanitary risk assessment, coordinated by IICA, in collaboration with the relevant regional organizations, such as the Southern Agricultural Council (CAS), the Central American Agricultural Council (CAC), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Plant Health Committee of the Southern Cone (COSAVE), the Regional International Organization for Agricultural Health (OIRSA), the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), the Standing Veterinary Committee of the Southern Cone (CVP) and others. 2. To carry out the work in accordance with the principles of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the international standard-setting organizations. 3. To instruct that the progress made by the working group be disseminated among all interested parties who may be involved in the discussion of sanitary and phytosanitary measures. 4. To pledge to disseminate a report from the working group among the countries of the region one year after the group’s creation. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p>	<p>Information on this topic will be presented to the Executive Committee at the governing body’s Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting, due to be held from August 23-24, 2016, at IICA Headquarters.</p>