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### **STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE IABA**

**San Jose, Costa Rica**



## I. General Information

The Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held Antigua, Guatemala, on July 26-27, 2007.

His Excellency Bernardo Lopez Figueroa, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food of Guatemala, served as Chair of the meeting, and Mrs. Lorena Garnica de la Espriella, Representative of Colombia, as Rapporteur.

## II. Status of the Resolutions adopted by the Inter-American Board of Agriculture in 2007

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<p><b>1. Resolution No. 428, “Status of the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan”</b> To welcome the progress report on implementation of the 2006-2010 MTP.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	
<p><b>2. Resolution No. 429, 2006 Report “State of and outlook for agriculture and rural life in the Americas”</b> To welcome the 2006 report on the “State of and Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas”, presented by the General Directorate of IICA, and to highlight the importance of that report to the governments of the region as an instrument for analyzing and formulating policy.  To urge the Director General to circulate that report as widely as possible in an effort to contribute to the agricultural production sector in the hemisphere and to highlight the growing importance of agriculture in the region’s socioeconomic development.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented</i></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented</b> The report has been widely distributed in both printed and electronic format; the latter placed on the IICA website, with the open to consult or reproduce same.</p>	

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<p><b>3. Resolution No. 430. Progress in the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA</b></p> <p>To instruct the Director General, based on the observations and comments received from all the Member States, to draw up and execute a Plan of Action for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report on the Assessment of Technical Expertise at IICA.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to present to the meeting of the Special Advisory Commission for Management Issues, in the last quarter of 2007, and the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in the implementation of said Plan of Action.</p> <p>To extend the term of the Steering Committee until the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to be held in 2009.</p> <p>To entrust the Steering Committee, with support from the team of professionals appointed by the Director General, with preparing and presenting to the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to take place in 2009, a report on actions and results of the implementation of the recommendations for strengthening technical expertise at IICA.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented.</i> The report on compliance with the recommendations is available to the Member States.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph implemented</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph in effect</i></p> <p><i>Operative paragraph being implemented</i></p> <p>At the Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Director General will present a report on compliance, as of July 2009, with the recommendation for upgrading technical expertise at IICA that fall under his responsibility, indicating all actions taken and results obtained.</p>	

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<sup>1</sup> These are the recommendations contained in the report that can be implemented because they fall under the responsibility of the Director General and, therefore, do not require a decision on the part of the governing bodies or the allocation of additional resources.

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<p><b>4. Resolution 431. IICA'S participation as the executing arm for programs and projects of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</b></p> <p>To support the joint efforts in which the President of the IDB and the Director General of IICA have been engaged to increase the Institute's role as a technical agency in conducting studies and identifying, preparing and executing technical cooperation and investment programs and projects in the area of agriculture and rural development, with financing from the Bank, especially those that correspond to the priority areas of IICA and that benefit small- and medium-scale producers and rural communities.</p> <p>To charge the Chair of the IABA with approaching the President of the IDB and the members of the Board of Governors of the IDB directly, on behalf of the 34 Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States, to enlist support for the important work that IICA is called upon to accomplish in the agricultural and rural areas in support of implementation of that Bank's institutional policy "Opportunities for the majority".</p>	<p><i>Resolution being implemented</i></p> <p>The Director General will make available to the Member States participating in the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a report on progress in implementing the present resolution through June 2009.</p>	

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<p>To urge the Ministers of Agriculture to promote IICA in their respective countries as the partner of choice for the conduct of studies and for the identification, preparation and execution of any technical cooperation and investment programs and projects financed by the IDB in the priority areas of the Member States and, accordingly, to urge the Bank to consider the advisability of entrusting to IICA the execution of these tasks before having recourse to competitive bidding processes.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to submit to the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee a progress report on furthering ties and joint work between IICA and the IDB in the framework of the provisions of this resolution.</p>		
<p><b>5. Resolution 432. Progress in collecting quotas owed to the Institute as of June 30, 2007</b></p> <p>To thank the Ministers of Agriculture, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, other high-level officials, and the governments of the Member States of IICA for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>As of May 25, 2009, 25 Member States of IICA were current in the payment of their quotas to the Institute, 8 were in Regular status and 1 in Special Status because it is in compliance with its payment plan.</p>	

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<p>To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay quota arrearages for previous years.</p> <p>To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect quotas for the current year and those in arrears for previous years, and b) to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>To urge Member States to keep up to date with their quota payments to the Institute and to fulfill the terms of the payment plans agreed to with the General Directorate for the payment of quotas for previous years.</p>	<p>This is the most favorable quota collection situation in the last 15 years. The amount of quotas owed to the Institute fell from 17 million in 2003 to 2.3 million as of December 31, 2008</p>	
<p><b>6. Resolution 433. 2008-2009 Program Budget</b></p> <p>To approve the amount of US\$31,327,816 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation for the 2008-2009 Program Budget of the Institute, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,227,816 per year and with miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$4,100,000 per year consisting of US\$3,600,000 in expected income per year and</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The IICA 2008-2009 Program Budget is being executed in accordance with the allocation of resources set out in Resolution 433.</p>	

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<p>up to US\$1,000,000 from the Miscellaneous Income Fund, US\$500,000 for each year of the biennium.</p>		
<p>To approve the quota scale in effect for 2008 and 2009 indicated in Appendix A, which corresponds to the scale approved by the General Assembly of the OAS in its Resolution AG/RES. 1(XXXI-E/06)<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p>To approve the use of resources from the 2008-2009 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, strategic priorities, scopes of action and major objects of expenditure detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.313(07), "Proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget".</p> <p>To authorize the Director General to make transfers among chapters of the 2008-2009 Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not increase or reduce the chapters by more than 10 percent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for each of the fiscal years</p>	<p>The funding of IICA, vis-à-vis quota resources, during the 2008-2009 biennium, is based on the approved scale of quota contributions for the Member States.</p> <p><i>Provision in effect</i></p> <p><i>Provision in effect</i></p>	

<sup>2</sup> The Delegates of Chile and Mexico said that they did not support this operative paragraph because they did not agree with the increase in quotas for their respective countries which that scale implied.



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<p>2008 and 2009 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>		
<p><b>7. Resolution 434. 2008-2009 Special Budget financed with resources from the General Subfund.</b></p> <p>To approve an overall allocation of US\$1,000,000 as the special budget to be financed with resources received by IICA for quota arrearages.</p> <p>To authorize the Executive Committee to approve, at its Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting to be held in 2008, the distribution of the 2008-2009 Special Budget in the amount of US\$1,000,000, in accordance with the analysis and recommendations of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues regarding the proposal submitted to it for consideration by the Director General.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The Executive Committee, in Resolution 489 of its Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting, approved the distribution of the resources of the 2008-2009 Special Budget, taking into consideration the recommendations issued by the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI).</p> <p>The special budget is being executed.</p>	
<p><b>8. Resolution N° 435. Remuneration of the Director General.</b></p> <p>To increase the Director General's basic salary by three per cent for the 2008 fiscal year.</p> <p>To adopt as its own Resolution IICA/CE/Res.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p>	

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<p>478 (XXVII-O/07) with the following modification to operative paragraph no. 4: [I]n considering the SACMI's recommendation, the Executive Committee shall give strong consideration to making any adjustment to the Director General's compensation retroactive to January 1, 2009."</p>		
<p><b>9. Resolution N°. 436. Amendments to articles 65, 87 and 88 of the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and ratification of the amendments to articles 73, 96 and 97 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee</b></p> <p>1. To replace the texts of articles 73, 96 and 97 of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Committee with the following texts:</p> <p><b>Article 73.</b></p> <p>The working documents, informational documents and visual aids for presentations for meetings of the Committee shall be prepared in Spanish and English. Draft resolutions, recommendations, agreements and other documents shall be distributed in the official languages of the Member States sitting on the Committee. The Final Report of the Committee shall be prepared in the four official languages.</p> <p><b>Article 96.</b></p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The printed and electronic versions of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA and the Executive Committee have been updated. The electronic versions are available at: <a href="http://www.iica.int">www.iica.int</a>.</p>	

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<p>The Technical Secretary shall record each session and prepare the draft summary minutes based on the respective recordings. The summary minutes shall include only the main items discussed, as well as the resolutions and other decisions adopted. After the meeting, the Technical Secretary shall review in detail the contents of the summary minutes, based on the recordings and the observations received in due course from the members of the Committee. The Technical Secretary shall deliver to the Delegates of the Member States of the Institute a compact disc with the recordings in standard digital format.</p> <p><b>Article 97.</b></p> <p>The Final Report shall contain all the resolutions, recommendations and agreements adopted by the Committee, the summary minutes, speeches and annexes. Prior to its publication, the document shall be edited and translated into the other official languages of the Institute. The Technical Secretariat shall ensure that the text of the Final Report is stylistically correct, is consistent in the four official languages of the Institute and is delivered to the Member States of the Institute. The Chairperson of the Committee and the <i>ex-officio</i> Secretary shall sign the approved Final Report.</p>		

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<p>2. To replace the texts of articles 65, 87 and 88 of the Rules of Procedures of the IABA with the following texts:</p> <p><b>Article 65.</b></p> <p>The working documents, informational documents and visual aids for presentations for meetings of the Board shall be prepared in Spanish and English. Draft resolutions, recommendations, agreements and other documents shall be distributed in the four official languages. The Final Report of the IABA shall be prepared in the four official languages.</p> <p><b>Article 87.</b></p> <p>The Technical Secretary, designated by the Director General, shall record each session and shall deliver to the Delegates of the Member States the recordings in standard digital format. The summary minutes of the plenary sessions and the sessions of the committees shall be prepared by the Director General in his capacity as <i>ex-officio</i> Secretary of the Board, or by the Technical Secretary, and shall include the main items discussed in each session, for incorporation into the Final Report of the meeting.</p>		

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<p><b>Article 88.</b></p> <p>The Final Report shall contain all the resolutions, recommendations and agreements adopted by the Board, the summary minutes, the speeches and annexes. Prior to its publication, the document shall be edited and translated into the other official languages of the Institute. The Technical Secretariat shall ensure that the text of the Final Report is stylistically correct, is consistent in the four official languages of the Institute, and is delivered to the Member States of the Institute. The Chairperson of the Board and the <i>ex-officio</i> Secretary shall sign the approved Final Report.</p>		
<p><b>10. Resolution N°. 437. Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</b></p> <p>To approve the Report “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” and to express its satisfaction with the implementation of those resolutions.</p>	<i>Resolution implemented</i>	
<p><b>11. Resolution N°. 438. Date and site of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)</b></p>	<i>Resolution implemented</i>	

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<p>To accept and thank the Government of Jamaica for its generous offer to serve as host for the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>To provide that the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA shall be held in Jamaica in the second half of 2009.</p>	<p>The process of organizing the Week of Agriculture and Rural Life Jamaica 2009<sup>3</sup> began immediately following the IABA meeting in Guatemala. At present, preparations for this important meeting are moving ahead smoothly.</p>	<p>At the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, authorities from the Government of Jamaica and IICA will present a report on progress in the organization of the Fifth Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas and the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA within the framework of the Week of Agriculture of the Americas Jamaica 2009.</p>
<p><b>12. Resolution N°. 439. Vote of thanks to the Government and people of the Republic of Guatemala and to the Authorities of the City of Antigua, Guatemala</b></p> <p>To extend gracious thanks to His Excellency Mr. Oscar Berger Perdomo, Constitutional President of the Republic of Guatemala, for his distinguished and enlightened participation in this Week of such great importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.</p> <p>To express appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Bernardo Lopez Figueroa, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food of Guatemala, for his utmost willingness to engage in</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The Director General of IICA, in a special meeting of the Cabinet, thanked Mr. Bernardo Lopez for the invaluable support he and his team provided in organizing the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, which contributed greatly to the success of the event.</p> <p>The Minister shared with the Cabinet the lessons he learned throughout the process of organizing</p>	

<sup>3</sup> It will be held within the framework of the Week of Agriculture and Rural Life Jamaica 2009, which includes: (i) the meeting of the Group for the Implementation and Coordination of the Agreements on Agriculture and Rural Life of the Summits Process (GRICA), comprising the Ministerial Delegates of Agriculture and Rural Life; (ii) the Fifth Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the context of the Summit of the Americas process; and (iii) the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.

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<p>constructive dialogue with his colleagues and for the very efficient and evenhanded manner in which he chaired the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>To thank the industrious staff of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of other public and private institutions in the Republic of Guatemala for their cordial welcome and generous support, which were determining factors in the success of the Week of Agriculture and Rural Life of the Americas.</p>	<p>and conducting the ministerial and IABA meetings.</p> <p>Resolution 439 was read aloud by the Rapporteur and approved by the IABA in the presence of the Minister, who chaired both the Ministerial Meeting and the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p>	
<p><b>13. Resolution N°. 440. 2005-2006 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)</b></p> <p>To thank the authorities and personnel of CARDI for presenting the 2005-2006 biennial report of that Center.</p> <p>To congratulate the Executive Director of CARDI on the contents and presentation of that Report.</p> <p>To delegate to the Executive Committee responsibility for receiving and analyzing the biennial report of CARDI.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The Director General of IICA shared IABA Resolution 440 with the Director General of CARDI in communication SC/DG-123, of February 24, 2009.</p> <p>The presentation of the 2007-2008 Biennial Report of CARDI by its Director General has been included on the agenda of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>In addition, in the letter of invitation sent to the Director General of CARDI, he was asked to submit the 2007-2008 report by the date established in the Rules of Procedure of the</p>	

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	Executive Committee for the presentation of documents.	
<p><b>14. Resolution N°. 441. 2005-2006 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</b></p> <p>To thank the authorities and personnel of CATIE for presenting the 2005-2006 Biennial Report.</p> <p>To congratulate the Director General of CATIE on the contents and presentation of that report.</p> <p>To delegate to the Executive Committee responsibility for receiving and analyzing the reports and plans of CATIE and to request its Director General, in future, to forward directly to the General Directorate of IICA the version of the biennial report and plans of that Center accepted by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The Director General of IICA shared IABA Resolution 441 with the Director General of CATIE in communication SC/DG-664, of August 13, 2008.</p> <p>The presentation of the 2007-2008 Biennial Report of CATIE by its Director General has been included on the agenda of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>In addition, in the letter of invitation sent to the Director General of CARDI, he was asked to submit the 2007-2008 report by the date established in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee for the presentation of documents.</p>	
<p><b>15. Resolution N°. 442. Proposed addition to Law 8028 of Costa Rica Empowering CATIE to grant professional credentials and academic degrees</b></p> <p>To unanimously approve the proposal to request the amendment to Law No. 8028 of the Republic of Costa Rica, as approved by the Governing Council of Ministers of CATIE and</p>	<p><i>Resolution implemented</i></p> <p>The IABA resolution has been shared with the Office of the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, the Ministers of Agriculture and Education and the members of Legislative Assembly responsible for reviewing and processing the modification of Law 8928, which will empower CATIE to grant professional credentials and</p>	



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contained in Annex 1 of this resolution, so as to give CATIE the power to grant professional credentials and academic degrees.	academic degrees.	