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### I. General Information

The Thirtieth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from October 5-7, 2010. The Member States sitting on the Committee were: Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Uruguay.<sup>1</sup> Participating as Observer Member States were: Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Saint Lucia and the United States of America. Germany and France attended as Permanent Observers.

Ms. Gloria Abraham Peralta, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica and her country's Representative, served as the Chairperson of the meeting, and Mr. Léonard Beaulne, Political Counsellor of the Embassy of Canada in Costa Rica, as Rapporteur.

### II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2010 Executive Committee

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<p><b>Resolution No. 517.</b> "2009 Annual Report of IICA."</p> <p>To approve the 2009 Annual Report of IICA.</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	No actions pending
<p><b>Resolution No. 518.</b> "Proposed 2010-2020 Strategic Plan."</p> <p>To approve 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	Printed and digital versions of the Strategic Plan were produced and sent to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Agriculture of the Member States and to all the IICA country offices.
<p><b>Resolution No. 519.</b> "2010-2014 Medium-term Plan."</p> <p>To approve the 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan, on the understanding that IICA will adjust the technical and operational aspects of the Medium-term Plan to ensure that they are consistent with the Strategic Plan,</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	Printed and digital versions of the 2010-2014 MTP were produced and delivered to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Ministries of Agriculture of the Member States and to all the IICA country offices.

<sup>1</sup> The Member States adopted a rotating system of membership of the Executive Committee by means of Resolution N° 405, which the Executive Committee approved at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting, held in Costa Rica from July 23-24, 2003.

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incorporating the distribution of the financial resources for the period 2012-2014 based on the technical priorities.		
<p><b>Resolution No. 520.</b> “2009 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors.”</p> <p>To accept the 2009 financial statements of IICA and the report of the external auditors on said financial statements, and to instruct the Director General to submit them to the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA for consideration.</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	No actions pending
<p><b>Resolution No. 521.</b> “Sixteenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC).”</p> <p>1. To approve the Sixteenth Report of the ARC.</p> <p>2. To thank the members of the ARC for the work accomplished.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the ARC.</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p>	<p>No actions pending</p> <p>Mr. Tracy La Point, a member of the ARC, accepted the Executive Committee’s recognition on behalf of the ARC.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 522.</b> “Progress in the Collection of Quotas.”</p> <p>1. To thank the ministers of agriculture and foreign affairs and other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States for the efforts they have been making to honor their countries’ annual quota payments to IICA.</p> <p>2. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph in effect.</b></p>	The Director General will present the report on the collection of quota contributions as at June 30, 2011 to the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.

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<p>Committee and the IABA to encourage Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to honor their arrears for previous years.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to: (i) continue efforts to collect quotas for 2010 and arrears for previous years; and, (ii) keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>	<p>As of the end of December 2010, IICA had received 97% of the quota contributions programmed and had collected US\$1.5 million in quotas from previous years.</p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 523.</b> “Allocation of the Resources of the 2011 Program-Budget.”</p> <p>1. To approve the detailed allocation of regular resources for the 2011 Program- Budget, in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and strategic priorities detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc. 560 (10), “Proposed 2011 Program-Budget.” A summary of the 2011 Program-Budget, by chapter, is attached to this resolution as “Annex A.”</p> <p>2. To charge the Director General with providing to the Member States during the first trimester of 2011 information on the results anticipated and indicators for the 2011 budget year.</p>	<p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented.</b></p>	<p>The Program-Budget was implemented by means of the 2011 Annual Action Plan, based on the detailed allocation of regular resources approved by the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 524.</b> “Financial Strengthening and Technical Cooperation of IICA.”</p> <p>1. To acknowledge the document “The financial strengthening and technical cooperation of IICA” and the facts presented regarding the Institute’s finances.</p> <p>2. To task the General Directorate to provide at the Special Advisory Committee on Management Issues</p>	<p><b>Resolution being implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p>	<p>The Director General presented the document on April 4 as a working document of the 2011 Regular Meeting of the SACMI, and a more</p>

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<p>further written analysis on possible options for IICA’s 2012-2014 Budget.</p>	<p>The document was prepared in response to the Executive Committee’s decision.</p>	<p>detailed version during the video conference held on May 20. A version of the document incorporating the recommendations of the SACMI will be submitted for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>
<p><b>Resolution No. 525.</b> “Deadline for distribution of the working documents for the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Inter-American Board of Agriculture.”</p> <p>1. To amend the last sentence of Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, as follows: <i>“The Director General shall send the working documentation to the Member States and IICA Associates for their consideration and review, via electronic media, 30 days prior to the opening date of the meeting.”</i></p> <p>2. To task the Director General with presenting for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, a draft resolution amending Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA, in the same way that Article 29 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee has been amended by this resolution.</p> <p>3. To accept the proposal made forth by the Director General, to the effect that, in future: (i) the working and informational documents for the meetings of IICA’s governing bodies that are not confidential be made freely available, for review and consultation, on the IICA Web portal; and, (ii) those documents shall be stored on the</p>	<p><b>Resolution being implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b> Instructions were issued and access to the on-line system of the Executive Committee changed, eliminating the need for a</p>	<p>This change was incorporated into the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee<sup>2</sup> and will apply to the documentation for the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The proposed amendment was drafted and approved by the Director General. It will be presented for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>Since the date on which the resolution took effect, the only documents that are confidential are those that, in the opinion of the Director General, could damage the institution in some way if they were to be misused.</p>

<sup>2</sup> Official Document No. 22, which contains the current version of the Convention and basic rules of procedure of IICA, includes the amendment under the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.

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IICA Web portal in a format that ensures that they cannot be modified by third parties.	password.	
<p><b>Resolution No. 526.</b> “Amendments to the Regulations for Conferring the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector.”</p> <p>To amend the last sentence of the introductory paragraph and following Sections a, d, and i of Article 10.1 of the Regulations for Conferring the Inter-American Awards as follows:</p> <p>“The Commission shall consist of four Member States, which shall be appointed and shall serve as further specified below:</p> <p><b>a.</b> The four members of the Commission shall be elected by the Executive Committee during the preparatory session of its Regular Meeting in the first year of the biennium.</p> <p><b>d.</b> The first member shall be elected by and from among the Member States of the group comprising the six countries that are the major contributors to the Regular Fund of the Institute; the second and third members shall be elected by and from among the Member States of the group comprising the remaining twenty-eight Member States of the Institute; and the fourth member shall be elected by the thirty-four Member States of the Institute and from among the Member States not elected by the first two groups.</p> <p><b>i.</b> The Commission may meet with a quorum of at least three members and take decisions by a vote of a majority of its members. The Commission may adopt additional</p>	<p><b>Resolution implemented.</b></p> <p>The Regulations were amended and may be consulted or printed from IICA’s Web page.</p>	

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<p>rules of procedure for its meetings and for electing its officers, provided those rules of procedure are consistent with these Regulations and other pertinent norms of the Institute”.</p>		
<p><b>Resolution No. 527.</b> “Report of the 2010 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI).” To accept the Report of the 2010 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	No actions pending.
<p><b>Resolution No. 528.</b> “Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)” and the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”  To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)””; and, (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	No actions pending.
<p><b>Resolution No. 529.</b> “Conferring of Appointment and Title of Emeritus.”  To confer appointment and title of “Emeritus” of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, with all the privileges and prerogatives that the title implies, on Mr. Arnaldo Chibbaro Schwartz.</p>	<b>Resolution implemented.</b>	Mr. Arnaldo Chibbaro was informed of the resolution by means of communication No. SC/DG-1042 of November 3, 2010.
<p><b>Resolution No. 530.</b> "Date and Site of the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”  1. To thank the Government of Canada for its tentative offer to serve as host country for the Thirty-first Regular</p>	In a note dated December 1, 2010, the Government of Canada	



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<p>Meeting of that IICA Governing Body.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General of IICA to provide such collaboration and information as the Canadian authorities may require for the Government of Canada to follow through on its offer.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General, should Canada decide by the end of this year not to host the meeting, to hold the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters or in another country, provided a formal offer is received from that country.</p> <p>4. To instruct the Director General, in accordance with the procedures established in the regulations currently in effect, to issue the call to the Member States to participate in the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in the first semester of 2011.</p>	<p>withdrew its original offer. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the meeting will take place at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>The Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee has been convened and will be held at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, from July 12-14, 2011.</p> <p><b>Operative paragraph implemented.</b></p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 531.</b> “Guidelines for Strengthening the Links and Joint Actions between IICA and FAO.”</p> <p>1. To establish that the strategy to be followed to strengthen the ties between the two institutions is the development of mechanisms to broaden and deepen the coverage of joint actions.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to continue efforts to develop new and more effective links with FAO, to strengthen and expand the coverage and scope of joint actions, in the common areas established in the agreements currently in effect and any others that the two parties may agree upon in the future.</p>	<p><b>Resolution being implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph in effect.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented.</b></p>	

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<p>3. To urge the Member States to propose to the governing bodies of FAO that they issue similar instructions to the Director General of FAO for strengthening joint actions with IICA.</p> <p>4. To urge the Member States, as far as possible, to promote and support the design and implementation of joint technical cooperation actions by IICA and FAO, both in their respective countries and in the regional integration mechanisms.</p> <p>5. To instruct the Director General to present for consideration by the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA: (i) a proposal for IICA-FAO joint work program; and, (ii) a proposal that prioritizes the strategy of support for joint actions as the most viable way of strengthening relations between the two institutions.</p>	<p><b>Operative paragraph in effect.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph in effect.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented.</b></p>	
<p><b>Resolution No. 532.</b> “IICA-CATIE Joint Action.”</p> <p>1. To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to take place in 2011, a joint action program for 2011-2014 that includes projects in high-priority areas identified in the IICA 2010-2014 Medium-Term Plan that will effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Member States of the Institute.</p> <p>2. To urge the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to strengthen the technical and administrative mechanisms for joint efforts in the Member States with a view to strengthening and expanding joint actions.</p>	<p><b>Resolution being implemented.</b></p> <p><b>Operative paragraph being implemented.</b></p>	<p>The Director General informed the Director General of CATIE, Mr. José Joaquín Campos, of the Executive Committee’s decision by means of communication No. SC/DG-1045 of October 29, 2010.</p> <p>The IICA-CATIE Joint Action Program is one of the informational documents of the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>3. To stipulate that, at its Thirty-first Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee shall propose to the IABA that the latter's Representative on the Governing Council of CATIE, in carrying out his mandate, should ensure that the joint work with IICA is strengthened and, especially, that the provisions of the present resolution are complied with.</p>		
<p><b>1. Resolution No. 533.</b> "2009-2010 Annual Report on the Collaboration between IICA and the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)."</p> <p>1. To instruct the Director General of IICA and the Executive Director of CARDI to present for consideration by the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, due to take place in 2011, a joint action program for 2011-2014 that includes projects in high-priority areas identified in the 2010-2014 Medium-term Plan, that will effectively complement the capabilities and resources of the two institutions for the benefit of the Member States of the Institute.</p> <p>2. To continue to support the collaborative activities between IICA and CARDI as well as their contribution to the development of the agricultural sector in the Caribbean.</p> <p>3. To urge CARDI and IICA to strengthen their institutional ties and joint action programs.</p>	<p><b>Resolution being implemented.</b></p>	<p>The Director General informed the Executive Director of CARDI, Mr. Arlington Chesney, of the Executive Committee's decision by means of communication No. SC/DG-1045 of October 29, 2010.</p> <p>The IICA-CARDI Joint Action Program is one of the information documents of the Thirty-first Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>To strengthen links between the institutions, and based on the IICA-CARDI Joint Action Program, the following mechanisms have been established: (i) Strengthening of CARDI's links with Latin American institutions; (ii) The science, technology and innovation network system; (iii)</p>

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<p>4. To request that IICA and CARDI establish a working group to program their joint activities annually, monitor the execution of the projects and their contributions and prepare a report annually for submission to the Executive Committee.</p>		<p>The development of synergies in ongoing projects; (iv) Participation in IICA’s Resources for Competitiveness Program; (v) The IICA-CARDI Agreement; and, (vi) Access to external resources for joint projects.</p> <p>IICA and CARDI should establish a working group to prepare a Joint Action Plan and provide follow-up to its implementation as well as to specific projects, and to draft the annual reports to the Executive Committee.</p>