

Dear Delegates:

In response to a request made by one of the Member States and accepted by the Director General, in order to facilitate decision making during the XXVII Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, attached please find preliminary versions of the draft resolutions related to the items on the agenda of the meeting.

The Executive Committee may approve, amend or reject them.

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Chelston W. D. Brathwaite
Director General of IICA and
Ex-officio Secretary of the Executive Committee

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º1

2006 IICA ANNUAL REPORT

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/ 498 (07), “2006 IICA Annual Report”,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 4.f of its Rules of Procedure establishes that the Executive Committee is to receive, analyze and approve the Annual Report on the activities of the Institute, and take appropriate action;

That the General Directorate prepared and published the 2006 IICA Annual Report, which was presented to the Permanent Council of the OAS on April 18, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of Article 35 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS);

That the report describes the cooperation activities carried out by the Institute in 2006 for the purpose of implementing the national, regional and hemispheric cooperation agendas, and also details important programmatic, budgetary and financial aspects of institutional life; and

That the report is available in both printed and electronic format and may be accessed on the Institute’s web site (www.iica.int),

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2006 IICA Annual Report.

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º2

**STATUS OF THE 2006-2010
MEDIUM-TERM PLAN**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The documents and presentations on the activities accomplished by the Institute in the areas of biotechnology, biosafety, agricultural insurance, organic agriculture, agro-tourism and rural tourism for implementation of the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan,

CONSIDERING:

That by express delegation of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), provided for in Resolution No. IICA/JIA/Res.421 (XIII-O/05), the Executive Committee approved the 2006 Medium-Term Plan of IICA as the guiding framework for the Institute's actions in that period by means of Resolution No. IICA/CE/Res. 444 (XXVI-O/06), adopted at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting;

That at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee received the report on the activities accomplished by the Institute in 2006 as part of the process for implementation of the Plan. The Executive Committee especially took cognizance of progress achieved in specific fields such as biotechnology, biosafety, agricultural insurance, agro-energy, biofuels, organic agriculture, agro-tourism and rural tourism; and

That the Director General of IICA reported on progress with the establishment of the IICA Forum for leaders in the countries who have responsibility for agricultural and rural development as a mechanism for upgrading their capabilities in decision-making and in spearheading the modernization and transformation of the institutional framework required for modern and competitive agriculture and sustainable rural development,

RESOLVES:

To receive with satisfaction the progress report presented by the General Directorate on activities accomplished and under way in the process for implementation of the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan.

1. To recommend to the Director General that that progress report be made available to the other Member States of the Institute..

DRAFT RESOLUTION No.3

**APPROVAL OF THE HEMISPHERIC PROGRAM
ON AGRO-ENERGY AND BIO-FUELS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.504(07) “2008-2010 Proposed Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels,”

CONSIDERING:

That under resolution IICA/JIA/Res.410(XIII-O/05), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) instructed the Director General to present to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting a proposal on the resources required to support activities promoted under the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels;

That under resolution IICA/CE/Res.446(XXVI-O/06), the Executive Committee approved the bases for the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels and instructed the Director General to present a proposal for funding the Program from 2008-2010;

That the Executive Committee determined that that Program should be financed with resources from the Institute’s Program Budget, from the collection of quota arrearages and from contributions from strategic partners, such as international financial institutions and other cooperation agencies; and

That at its regular meeting held in 2007, the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues analyzed the proposed 2008-2010 Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels and recommended submitting it to the Executive Committee at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting for approval,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the proposed Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels and to instruct the Director General to implement the version contained in document IICA/CE/Doc.504, “2008-2010 Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels”.
2. To establish that the Program should be financed with regular resources allocated for it in the 2008-2010 Program Budget and with such additional resources as the Director General may allocate for its implementation from the collection of quota arrearages.
3. To instruct the Director General to include in the 2010 Program Budget the financial resources required to carry out activities under the Hemispheric Program on Agro-energy and Bio-fuels in 2010.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 5

**STRENGTHENING OF THE REGIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (FONTAGRO)**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN document IICA/CE/Doc.507(07) “Strengthening of IICA Member States’ Support to FONTAGRO”,

CONSIDERING:

That technological research and technology are a critical and strategic factor for food security, the sustainable and competitive development of market-integrated agriculture and for the promotion of the wellbeing of rural communities and natural resource conservation;

That, except for a few countries in the Americas, the funding of agricultural research is far below (on average, 0.7% of agricultural GDP) investments by developing countries on other continents and developed countries (2 to 4% of agricultural GDP) and it is therefore imperative that this situation be reversed;

That the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (FONTAGRO) is a mechanism of the participating countries for promoting joint regional agricultural research, where those countries establish their strategic priorities through the funding of regional projects, which they executive jointly and which have shown highly positive results;

That the 2006-2010 Medium-Term Plan provides for the “[S]trengthening of the hemispheric system for cooperation among countries in agricultural technological innovation” and, therefore, supporting for the strengthening of FONTAGRO is a priority; and

That at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee received the report on activities accomplished by FONTAGRO and the principal results of its activities;

RESOLVES:

1. To receive with satisfaction the progress report of FONTAGRO promoted jointly by the participating countries, with the support of IICA and the IDB.
2. To recommend to the Director General that he make that report available to all Member States of the Institute on the occasion of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture, to be held in Antigua, Guatemala.
3. To recognize the importance of strengthening FONTAGRO and to urge the Member States of IICA that are not yet part of FONTAGRO to consider the possibility of joining that mechanism, in order to participate in a united effort for the development and adoption of technologies and share experiences.

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º 6

**2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF IICA
AND REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.499(07) “2006 Financial Statements of the Institute and Report of the External Auditors,”

CONSIDERING:

That Article 4(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee establishes that this Governing Body is to study the Institute’s financial statements and forward the corresponding report to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA);

That the External Auditors have attested to the sound management of the Institute’s financial resources during 2006, and that the administration of IICA has acted in conformity with the regulations of the Institute; and

That, in its Thirteenth Annual Report, the Audit Review Committee (ARC) states that it has studied the report of the External Auditors on IICA’s 2006 Financial Statements and found the work performed to be thorough and in accordance with IICA’s rules and generally accepted auditing standards,

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2006 Financial Statements of the Institute and the Report of the External Auditors on said Financial Statements.

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º 7

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.500(07), “Thirteenth Annual Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC),”

CONSIDERING:

That at its Seventh Regular Meeting, the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.231(VII-O/93), created the ARC and approved its Statute; and

That Article 3(k) of its Rules of Procedure establishes that the Executive Committee is to receive and approve the ARC’s reports and recommendations,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Thirteenth Annual Report of the ARC.
2. To instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations set forth in Thirteenth Report of the ARC.
3. To thank the members of the ARC for the effective work accomplished.

DRAFT RESOLUTION N°.8

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.514(07), "Election of a Member of the Audit. Review Committee,"

CONSIDERING:

That it is a function of the Executive Committee to elect the members of the Audit. Review Committee (ARC) pursuant to Article 3(k) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and Article III of the Statute of the Audit Review Committee;

That the ARC Statute provides that at least one of the three members shall be elected from among the candidates proposed by the six largest contributors to IICA and another from among the candidates nominated by all the other Member States;

That the term of the candidate nominated by the largest contributors among Member States expires on December 31, 2007;

That pursuant to the provisions of the ARC Statute, the Director General asked the aforementioned Member States to nominate candidates to fill the post occupied by the member of the ARC whose term expires this year; and

That in response to that request, only the proposal from the United States government nominating Mr. Tracy Lapoint was received,

RESOLVES:

1. To elect Mr. Tracy Lapoint to occupy the position of member of the ARC reserved for a candidate proposed by the major contributors among Member States for a six-year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and concluding on December 31, 2013

DRAFT RESOLUTION N°.9

VOTE OF THANKS TO MR. RAYMOND POLAND

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That the Audit Review Committee (ARC) is an important mechanism of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), both in terms of providing advisory services to the Director General for the administrative and financial stewardship of IICA and in terms of assisting the IABA itself with the administrative and financial supervision of the Institute;

That the members of the Audit Review Committee (ARC), who are designated by Member States, are high-level public officials who are on loan to the Institute from the respective governments to perform functions that are of considerable importance for the running of the Institute; and

That Mr. Raymond Poland, Inspector General for the Southeast Region, USDA, a national of the United States of America, was a member of the Audit Review Committee from 2003-2007 during which time his performance was outstanding,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of the United States for the support provided by Mr. Raymond Poland during the period in which he was a member of the Audit Review Committee.
2. To acknowledge and express appreciation for the excellent and dedicated performance of Mr. Poland and his significant contribution to the administrative and financial betterment of the Institute.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 10

**PROGRESS IN COLLECTING QUOTAS
OWED TO IICA AS OF MAY 15, 2007**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.501(07) "Report from the Director General on the Current Status of Quota Payments and Progress in Collecting Quotas owed to the Institute",

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.414(XIII-O/05), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) adopted the document "Revised Measures for Collecting Quotas owed to the Institute;"

That the aforementioned document draws and improves on the provisions of Resolutions IICA/CE/Res.417(XXIV-O/04) of the Executive Committee, and IICA/JIA/Res.392 (XII-O/03) of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing a set of measures intended to encourage Member States to make current their financial obligations to the Institute;

That thanks to the effectiveness of the measures adopted, the goodwill and support of the Ministers of Agriculture and other authorities in the Member States, and the efforts of the General Directorate, it has been possible to decrease considerably the total amount of quotas owed to the Institute;

That the above has enabled the Administration to fund the Program Budget approved and to fund the special budget approved by the governing bodies of the Institute for the execution of high-priority programs; and

That the financial strengthening of the Institute and the normal execution of the programs and projects included in the national, regional and hemispheric cooperation agendas can only be possible if Member States pay their quota arrearages and bring themselves up to date with payments of their annual quotas,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and other high-level officials in the Member States for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute.
2. 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.

3. 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.
4. 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 for payment of quotas for previous years.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º11

**APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR IICA AND
CATIE FOR THE 2008-2009 BIENNIUM**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 100 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate states that External Auditors shall be designated by the Executive Committee to perform the tasks described in Chapter VIII of said Rules of Procedure; and

That based on a properly conducted competitive bidding process, the Director General has recommended that the Executive Committee appoint the firm of -----as the External Auditors of the Institute and CATIE for the 2008-2009 biennium,

RESOLVES:

To appoint the firm of _____ as the External Auditors for the Institute and CATIE for the 2008-2009 biennium, a period that may be extended by the Director General for a period of up to two years.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 12

2008-2009 PROGRAM BUDGET

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Documents IICA/CE/Doc 502 (07), "Approval of the Quota Scales for Financing the 2008-2009 Program Budget" and IICA/CE/Doc.503(07), "Proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget",

CONSIDERING:

That the Convention on the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) establishes:

- a) In Article 8.(b) that a function of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) is "to approve the biennial Program Budget and to determine the annual quotas of the Member States by the affirmative vote of two thirds of its members";
- b) In Article 23 that "the Member States shall contribute to the maintenance of the Institute through annual quotas established by the Board, in accordance with the system for calculating quotas of the Organization of American States";
- c) In Article 14. (b) that a function of the Executive Committee is "[T]o examine the proposed biennial program budget that the Director General submits to the Board and to make such observations and recommendations as it deems appropriate"; and

That the Director General submitted the proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget to the Executive Committee for consideration at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting in a format consistent with the structure and content established in the rules currently in effect,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Inter-American Board of Agriculture:

1. Approve the amount of US\$ 31,267,572 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\$27,167,572.00 per year, as per the distribution for each Member State in the Quota Scale, attached as Appendix A and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$4,100,000 per year, consisting of US\$3,600,000 in expected income per year and up to US\$1,000,000 from the Miscellaneous Income Fund: US\$500,000 for each year of the biennium.
2. Approve the use of resources from the 2008-2009 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, strategic priorities, scope of action and major objects of

expenditure detailed in document IICA/CE/Doc.503 “Proposed 2008-2009 Program Budget”. The summary of allocations by chapter is attached as Appendix B.

3. 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 per cent and do not significantly affect the priorities approved.
4. 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 2008 and 2009 fall below estimated levels for the biennium in question, and inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.

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APPENDIX A
2008-2009 PROGRAM BUDGET

Quota Scale of Member States and Miscellaneous Income

MEMBER STATES	2008			2009	
	OAS ¹	IICA		IICA	
	%	%	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT
Antigua and Barbuda	0,024	0,024	6.587	0,024	6.587
Argentina	4,282	4,282	1.175.315	4,282	1.175.315
Bahamas	0,084	0,084	23.056	0,084	23.056
Barbados	0,080	0,080	21.958	0,080	21.958
Belize	0,026	0,026	7.136	0,026	7.136
Bolivia	0,060	0,060	16.469	0,060	16.469
Brazil	7,626	7,626	2.093.170	7,626	2.093.170
Canada	13,761	13,761	3.777.094	13,761	3.777.094
Chile	1,112	1,112	305.220	1,112	305.220
Colombia	0,807	0,807	221.504	0,807	221.504
Costa Rica	0,150	0,150	41.172	0,150	41.172
Dominica	0,017	0,017	4.666	0,017	4.666
Dominican Republic	0,165	0,165	45.289	0,165	45.289
Ecuador	0,165	0,165	45.289	0,165	45.289
El Salvador	0,084	0,084	23.056	0,084	23.056
Grenada	0,022	0,022	6.039	0,022	6.039
Guatemala	0,150	0,150	41.172	0,150	41.172
Guyana	0,022	0,022	6.039	0,022	6.039
Haiti	0,060	0,060	16.469	0,060	16.469
Honduras	0,060	0,060	16.469	0,060	16.469
Jamaica	0,163	0,163	44.740	0,163	44.740
Mexico	6,513	6,513	1.787.676	6,513	1.787.676
Nicaragua	0,060	0,060	16.469	0,060	16.469
Panama	0,130	0,130	35.682	0,130	35.682
Paraguay	0,165	0,165	45.289	0,165	45.289
Peru	0,443	0,443	121.594	0,443	121.594
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0,022	0,022	6.039	0,022	6.039
Saint Lucia	0,024	0,024	6.587	0,024	6.587
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0,022	0,022	6.039	0,022	6.039
Suriname	0,060	0,060	16.469	0,060	16.469
Trinidad and Tobago	0,180	0,180	49.406	0,180	49.406
United States of America	59,470	59,470	16.323.215	59,470	16.323.215
Uruguay	0,223	0,223	61.209	0,223	61.209
Venezuela	2,747	2,747	753.991	2,747	753.991
SUB TOTAL	98,979	98,979	27.167.572	98,979	27.167.572
Cuba	1,021	1,021		1,021	
TOTAL QUOTAS	100,000	100,000	27.167.572	100,000	27.167.572
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME ²			4.100.000		4.100.000
TOTAL REGULAR FUND			31.267.572		31.267.572

Note: The percentage for Cuba is not taken into consideration when calculating the Member State quotas
1/ As per Resolution AG/RES. 1 (XXXI-E/06), of the OAS General Assembly.
2/ In 2008 and 2009 miscellaneous income will comprise US\$3,600,000 to be generated and US\$500,000 from the Miscellaneous Fund.

APPENDIX B
2008-2009 PROGRAM BUDGET
SUMMARY BY CHAPTER
(US\$ 000)

CHAPTER	2008			2009		
	QUOTAS	MISCE-LLANEOS	TOTAL	QUOTAS	MISCE-LLANEOS	TOTAL
I: DIRECT TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICES	24.290,3	3.587,9	27.878,2	24.290,3	3.587,9	27.878,2
Strategic Priority						
1. Trade and Competitiveness of Agribusiness	6.077,6	922,0	6.999,6	6.077,6	922,0	6.999,6
2. Technology and Innovation	5.447,4	574,4	6.021,7	5.447,4	574,4	6.021,7
3. Agricultural Health and Food Safety	5.079,6	935,6	6.015,2	5.079,6	935,6	6.015,2
4. Development of Rural Communities	3.672,2	710,2	4.382,4	3.672,2	710,2	4.382,4
5. Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment	1.792,8	206,0	1.998,9	1.792,8	206,0	1.998,9
6. Repositioning of Agriculture and Rural Life and Renewal of their Institutional Framework	2.220,8	239,6	2.460,4	2.220,8	239,6	2.460,4
II: MANAGEMENT COSTS	1.292,5	82,8	1.375,3	1.292,5	82,8	1.375,3
Office of the Director General	629,0	20,0	649,0	629,0	20,0	649,0
Directorate of Administration and Finance	663,5	62,8	726,3	663,5	62,8	726,3
III: GENERAL COSTS AND PROVISIONS ¹	1.103,2	0,0	1.103,2	1.103,2	0,0	1.103,2
Governing Bodies	400,0	0,0	400,0	400,0	0,0	400,0
Insurance	320,0	0,0	320,0	320,0	0,0	320,0
Pensions	262,7	0,0	262,7	262,7	0,0	262,7
OAS Administrative Tribunal	25,0	0,0	25,0	25,0	0,0	25,0
External Audit	95,5	0,0	95,5	95,5	0,0	95,5
IV: RENEWAL OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT	481,6	429,4	911,0	481,6	429,4	911,0
TOTAL	27.167,6	4.100,0	31.267,6	27.167,6	4.100,0	31.267,6

1/ Does not include Cuba's quota.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 13

**REPORT OF THE 2007 MEETING OF THE SPECIAL
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.497(07), “Report of the 2007 Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues”,

CONSIDERING:

That by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.341(X-O/99), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) created the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) “to facilitate more regular discussion 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 by Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.394(XII-O/03), the IABA extended the term of the SACMI until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA; and

That the SACMI held its 2007 regular meeting at IICA Headquarters from March 13-14, 2007,

RESOLVES:

To accept the Report of the 2007 Regular Meeting of the SACMI.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 15

**STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTEENTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE IABA AND THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.510(07) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” and document IICA/CE/Doc.511 (07) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee” ,

CONSIDERING:

That the above-mentioned reports demonstrate that the General Directorate has complied with the resolutions adopted at the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, and satisfactorily carried out the tasks required to comply with the resolutions adopted at the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the reports: (i) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture” ; and (ii) “Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee” .
2. To express satisfaction with the progress reported in complying with the resolutions issued by IICA’s governing bodies referred to in operative paragraph 1 above.

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º16

2006-2007

INTER-AMERICAN AWARDS IN THE RURAL SECTOR

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.508 (07) "2006-2007 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector" and the report presented by the Selection Committee for Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector (Selection Committee) and its recommendations for granting the awards for 2006-2007,

CONSIDERING:

That as can be seen from the Selection Committee's report, that Committee has conducted a thorough review of the nominations received in the light of the existing Regulations governing inter-American awards in the rural sector and has recommended granting the awards in the various categories;

That _____ was nominated as a candidate to receive the Inter-American Agricultural Medal (year);

That _____ was nominated as a candidate to receive the Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development (year);

That _____ was nominated as a candidate to receive the Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals (year);

That _____ was nominated as a candidate to receive the Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development (year); and

That the aforementioned individuals and institution fulfill all the requirements and have the distinction that warrant the granting of the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector as public international recognition of their worthy contribution to the development of agriculture and the improvement of rural life in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To grant the:
 - a) Inter-American Agricultural Medal (year) to _____, from (country).
 - b) Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development (year) to Mrs. _____, from (country).

- c) Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals (year) to _____, from (country).
 - d) Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development (year) to _____, from (country).
2. To grant the following honorary mentions:
- a) The Inter-American Agricultural Medal, (year), to _____, from country.
 - b) The Inter-American Award for the Contribution of Women to Rural Development (year), to _____, from (country).
 - c) The Inter-American Agricultural Award for Young Professionals (year), to.....from (country).
 - d) The Inter-American Award for Institutional Contributions to Agricultural and Rural Development (year) to _____ from (country);
3. To thank Member States for their active and significant participation in the process for identifying and nominating an outstanding group of candidates to receive the Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector.
4. To instruct the Director General to organize the awards ceremony within the framework of the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º 17

**AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA)**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.514(07), “Provisional Agenda for the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)”,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 4.p of the Executive Committee-s Rules of Procedure provides that the Committee shall “analyze the provisional agendas for the meetings of the Board”; and

That at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, the Executive Committee analyzed the Agenda for the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA),

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the Provisional Agenda for the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), presented in Document IICA/CE/Doc.514 (07).
2. To thank His Excellency Mr. Bernardo López Figueroa, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food of Guatemala for his report on preparations for the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA, to take place in Antigua, Guatemala, in the framework of the Week of Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas, Guatemala 2007..

DRAFT RESOLUTION N.º 18

**DATE AND SITE OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGULAR
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.512(07), "Date and Site of the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee",

CONSIDERING:

That, pursuant to Article 22 of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee must hold one regular meeting each year;

That it is necessary to set the date and site of the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in 2008; and

That, in accordance with Article 25 of these Rules of Procedure, if no site is offered by one of the Member States to hold the meeting in another country, the meeting will be held at IICA Headquarters,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters, in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2008.
2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation to the Member States to participate in the Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 19

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE FIRST CLAUSE
OF THE LAW ESTABLISHING CATIE**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution No. _____ of the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) and the presentation made before the Executive Committee by the Director General of CATIE, Dr. Pedro Ferreira,

CONSIDERING:

That CATIE, created in 1973 by means of a contract between IICA and the Government of Costa Rica, is an entity dedicated to research in the fields of agricultural sciences and natural resources and related subjects and also to post-graduate research and other forms of education in agricultural and renewable resources and related subjects, for the benefit of the Member States of IICA;

That Law No. 6251 of the Republic of Costa Rica, of October 20, 1980, establishes that CATIE's participation in post-graduate programs must be based on agreements with the University of Costa Rica or with other universities which will have responsibility for coordinating studies and granting degrees;

That under such law, CATIE does not have the legal authority to grant on its own academic degrees or professional credentials, a situation that is not consistent with its caliber as the oldest post-graduate school that is one of the most prestigious in Latin America and that does not recognize the track record of this Center as an institution of learning;

That, by virtue of the above, the Board of Directors of CATIE, through ratification of resolution 14-07/XXVIII ROCEF, requested the Director General to negotiate with CATIE's Governing Council authorization, as a matter of duress, to propose an amendment of Law No. 8028 of CATIE in order to give the Center authority to grant academic degrees and professional credentials;

That the Board of Directors of CATIE has requested that the Director General of IICA take the necessary steps to amend the Contract establishing CATIE to enable it to grant professional credentials and academic degrees;

That the Board of Directors of CATIE has also asked the Director General of IICA to approach the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) regarding ratification of that amendment by the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, following, to that effect, the procedure for approval established for such cases in clause 34 of Law No. 8028 of CATIE now in effect; and

That, as a precedent, by means of an amendment to Law No. 7044 creating EARTH University (*Escuela de Agricultura de la Región del Trópico Húmedo-EARTH*)(Law No. 7357 of 1993) of the

Republic of Costa Rica, that institution was granted the right to offer academic degrees and professional credentials which give authority to exercise the respective professions,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Inter-American Board of Agriculture that it give favorable consideration to the proposed amendment of the Contract between IICA and the Government of Costa Rica establishing the Center so as to give that Center the power to grant professional credentials and academic degrees.