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Resolution	Operative Paragraph	Progress achieved / Action pending
<p>Resolution No. 384 Consolidation of the Institute's Transformation Process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To endorse the efforts undertaken by the Director General, with support from the Member States and within the framework of the present Convention, to transform IICA and equip it with the technical capabilities it needs to support its Member States more effectively. 2. To recognize the importance of the "Working Together" strategy that IICA has been implementing as a means of improving the service that the group of international organizations provides to the Member States and, in order to strengthen that strategy, to instruct the Director General to actively promote IICA partnerships with multilateral and regional financial organizations. 3. To urge the Member States to lend the support needed to consolidate the transformation of the Institute and achieve the expected results, and, through their participation in the governing bodies of financial institutions to encourage the latter to strengthen their ties with the Institute and their involvement in the execution of high-priority agricultural and rural development projects 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect The Director General will report to the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, May 13-14) on the progress made.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect The Director General will report to the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the progress made to strengthen IICA's relationship with the financial agencies.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 3. First part: The Director General will report to the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on the progress made. Second part: Implementation pending.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 385 Hemispheric Information System on Agricultural Policies</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To entrust the General Directorate, with support from the institutions of the Member States, with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Implementing and maintaining an information system on agricultural policies, the agencies that formulate them, experiences related to their implementation, and the availability of high-level experts on these subjects; and. b. Continuing the efforts under way to strengthen horizontal cooperation in this field. 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented</p> <p><i>In the Southern Area:</i> As of January 2004, activities were undertaken to establish the inventory of agricultural policies with the Southern Council of Ministers (CAS) and especially the Network of Agricultural Policy Institutions of the Southern Cone (RedPA); IICA serves as technical secretariat for both organizations.</p> <p>A work plan was defined with the members of RedPA, as were the matrixes and modules (4) that will be used to group the principal policies that affect the agricultural sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MODULE I: macroeconomic policies

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MODULE II: trade policies • MODULE III: general development policies (horizontal) • MODULE IV: sectoral policies or policies targeting chains (vertical) <p>To supplement this regional activity, IICA presented a proposal for creating the Hemispheric Agricultural Policy Information System at the meeting of Southern Ministers of Agriculture (Uruguay, 26 March 2004). Efforts were to begin that same year in the Southern Area, after which the experience would be transferred to the other regions of the hemisphere.</p> <p>An Internet-based remote management system was designed for maintaining the information and will be administered by members of RedPA. In 2005, the information will be updated and work will begin to test and establish the remote system.</p> <p>In February 2005, a first meeting was held with the staff of IICA's Offices in the <i>Central Region</i> to design the work strategy. This effort is being coordinated by the Central Region's specialist for trade policy and negotiations, who programmed the course of action for 2005. During January and February 2005, contacts were made with the public units responsible for defining, executing and/or monitoring agricultural policy, with a view to initiating efforts to create the inventory of policies that directly or indirectly affect the agri-food sector. A number of actions were taken to coordinate efforts in this area.</p> <p>In 2005, activities were programmed for developing the policy inventory in the <i>Andean Region</i>. The regional trade policy and negotiations specialist is responsible for this activity and has scheduled a meeting for April 2005 to launch actions with the policy (or similar) units of the ministries of agriculture.</p>

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	<p>2. To pledge to provide the General Directorate of the Institute with the information required for operating the system and to collaborate in its development and implementation.</p>	<p>The aforementioned Internet-based remote administration system will also be used to update information in the Andean and Central Areas.</p> <p>In early 2005, the first contacts were made in the <i>Caribbean Area</i> to implement the activity, to take place in the second half of 2005 and in early 2006.</p> <p>No activities are planned in 2005 for the <i>Northern Area</i> to comply with Resolution 385. These activities will be programmed late in the year and will be executed in 2006.</p> <p>It is important to bear in mind that activities of regional scope are led by the respective IICA regional specialists for trade policy and negotiations. They have programmed and budgeted activities in their respective annual plans of operation, and have additional budgets that have already been approved.</p> <p>Hemispheric coordination of the inventory is handled by the Trade Policy and Negotiations Unit at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p><u><i>This operative paragraph is a mandate for the Ministers and not for IICA.</i></u></p> <p>Nonetheless, we can report that in the Southern Area, the ministers of agriculture of the MERCOSUR countries, Chile and Bolivia have provided their full support for the direct activities undertaken to comply with the resolution. In the Central, Caribbean and Andean Regions, communication with the ministers has been fluid and we expect this will continue for executing the activities to comply with the resolution.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 386. Agricultural Biotechnology And Biosafety</p>	<p>1. To entrust IICA with convening meetings, in consultation with its Member States, to discuss the importance of agricultural biotechnology, and its impact on trade and development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings have been held to analyze the importance of biotechnology and its impact on agricultural development, the sustainable use of plant genetic resources and trade, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hemispheric meeting on trade aspects of the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB). Buenos Aires, February 2004. - Support for the June 2004 Latin American Meeting on Biotechnology (REDBIO) held in the Dominican Republic, through presentations, transmission of the meeting to the countries via Internet, and mobilization of country experts. - Conferences and seminars on the impact of biotechnology on innovation and trade, in forums such as SICTA, PCCMCA, REDBIO-Dominican Republic Chapter, Nicaragua, d others. - Participation in the World Forum on Biotechnology (Concepción, Chile). • USDA-Costa Rica-IICA Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology to Increase Agricultural Productivity, which also addressed the subject of biotechnology. • Support for the participation of professionals from Panama, Nicaragua, and El Salvador in the Meeting of Parties to the CPB, in Malaysia. • A study was conducted on the results of the Meeting of the Parties and on the implications for the countries of implementing the CPB.

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	<p>2. To ask IICA to disseminate among its Member States the arrangement signed by the three countries of North America to facilitate trade and the transboundary movement of LMOs, with a view to considering the possibility of implementing such measures</p> <p>3. To establish a task force comprised of IICA staff and interested Member States to develop a plan for agricultural biotechnology and biosafety in the hemisphere.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information on biotechnology in IICA's Scientific Information and Technological System (INFOTEC) has been strengthened. ● The Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement on the implementation of article 18.2 a. of the CPB was disseminated via the INFOTEC weekly bulletin. ● A web page on biotechnology and biosafety was designed for IICA's web site. ● A proposal for inter-thematic action by IICA was prepared for addressing the IABA resolution. Action will focus on workshops to support decision-makers within the ministries of agriculture, and related agencies on the documentation and implementation of the CPB as a whole, and of Article 18. 2 in particular. ● A work program was prepared for: a) creating a task force group to define the terms and commitments for developing a hemispheric plan, and b) strengthening technical aspects of national capabilities in biosafety, through reciprocal cooperation among countries. ● Efforts are under way to promote the formulation of regional strategies for agrobiotechnology in the Central and Caribbean Regions, and the creation of the Agrobiotechnology Advisory Group in the Caribbean. This is part of the strategy to move toward a hemispheric plan in regions that are relatively less advanced in this subject area.

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	<p>4. To urge the Member States to contribute to IICA the additional resources necessary to support the activities considered under this resolution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support has been provided for implementing regional research projects that use modern biotechnology for rice, oil palm, banana, coffee and other crops, and for strengthening the research capacities of cooperative research programs (PROCIANDINO, PROMECAFE, PROCISUR and FONTAGRO). • FORAGRO is conducting an analysis of the state of the art of the institutional situation for agrobiotechnology in LAC. The results will be used to fuel the discussion of priorities in R&D by public and private interest groups, and the academic and production sectors, as input for the hemispheric plan. • An IICA-USDA non-reimbursable agreement was established for actions related to the documentation requirements for implementing the CPB, with emphasis on Article 18 2 a. • Contacts have been made with technical and financial cooperation agencies (BIOLAC, Grupo UNIDO, CIRAD, GFAR) for securing external resources.
<p>Resolución No. 387. Implementation of and Follow-up to the Agro 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p>	<p>1. To entrust IICA with continuing to provide support to the ministers of agriculture in the process to implement the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implementation ongoing / Provision in effect</p> <p>The Director General asked the ministers of agriculture to appoint their Ministerial Delegates and technical teams for the 2004-2005 Ministerial Process. Meetings were held with the Ministerial Delegates that requested support for implementing the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda.</p>

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	<p>2. To instruct the Ministerial Delegates and their hemispheric forum (GRICA), assisted by the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, to present to the Third Ministerial Meeting a progress report on the implementation of the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action and the proposal for updating it.</p>	<p>IICA has been supporting the countries' efforts to implement the AGRO 2015 Plan through specific actions set out in the National Agendas, which address the different topics targeted by the AGRO Plan. To consolidate this effort, the Director General sent a note to all IICA Representatives in the countries, explaining the support to be provided for the implementation efforts that will be led by the Ministerial Delegates and the technical teams of the ministries of agriculture.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Implementation ongoing</p> <p>Support was provided to all the Ministerial Delegates in preparing their National Progress Reports on their compliance with the 2003-2005 Hemispheric agenda, and the executive summary on compliance with mandate 43 of the Declaration of Nuevo Leon. Twenty-four countries have submitted their reports to date. On the basis of these reports, the Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting is preparing the hemispheric report on the implementation of the 2003-2005 Hemispheric Agenda. As support for the efforts to monitor implementation of the AGRO Plan, IICA and ECLAC organized a workshop to define and systematize monitoring indicators. PAHO, FAO and UNESCO have joined this effort. These five international organizations (IICA, ECLAC, PAHO, FAO and UNESCO) are drafting a first proposal for a system of indicators for monitoring the AGRO Plan, which they will submit to the Ministerial Delegates at their July 7-8, 2005 meeting (GRICA).</p>

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	<p>3. To ask the Interagency Group on Rural Development, comprised of the World Bank, the IDB, ECLAC, FAO, IFAD, GTZ, IICA and USAID, to draw up a proposal for an interagency agenda, with a view to gradually aligning international cooperation with the actions established in the Hemispheric Agenda of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action.</p> <p>4. To adopt the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan of Action as the Common Agenda to be used as an instrument of joint and common action by the nations of the hemisphere in the four ministerial forums, as a support for the transformation of agriculture and the improvement of rural life.</p>	<p>IICA also reports to the National Summits Coordinators, meeting as the Summit Implementation and Review Group (SIRG), on the progress being made in the Ministerial Process and in implementing the Plan. On the basis of the extensive response of the countries, a presentation was made to the 37th GRIC (in Buenos Aires) regarding the mandates for agriculture and rural life, as part of the social component of the Declaration of Nuevo Leon.</p> <p>The Foreign Office of Argentina has presented a draft Declaration of Mar del Plata, which is to be signed by the Heads of State and Government at the Fourth Summit of the Americas, and has requested inputs from the members of the SIRG. In this connection, this Secretariat has requested that the Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life be given equal treatment as other ministerial meetings, and that a space be reserved in the draft declaration to reflect the results of same.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 3. Implementation ongoing</p> <p>As a member of the Interagency Group, IICA took part in the Group's Round Table, which was held during the meeting of the IDB's Board of Governors, in Lima, Peru, in March 2004. In its capacity as Secretariat of the Ministerial Meeting, IICA informed the group of the request made by the Ministers in the operative paragraph of this resolution.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 4. Implementation ongoing</p> <p>IICA collaborated with the Ministry of Campesino, Indigenous and Agricultural Affairs of Bolivia in organizing the Seventh Ibero-American Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture. In this connection, the Foreign Office and Ministry of Agriculture of Costa Rica were informed of the role of the AGRO 2003-</p>

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		<p>2015 Plan as the framework for a specific agreement at the Fourteenth Ibero-American Summit. As a result of a successful effort, a special communiqué on agriculture and rural life was issued by the Presidents, meeting as the Fourteenth Ibero-American Summit.</p> <p>At the FAO Regional Forum, the Secretariat participated in the technical meetings, informing the FAO Deputy Director-General and the FAO Representative for Latin America of the importance of the AGRO Plan and efforts to implement it.</p>
Resolution No. 388. 2001 and 2002 Financial Statements of the Institute and Reports of the External Auditors	To approve the Financial Statements of the Institute for 2001 and 2002 and the Reports of the External Auditors on said financial statements.	Resolution implemented
Resolution No. 389. Eighth and Ninth Reports of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Eighth and Ninth Annual Reports of the Audit Review Committee. 2. To thank the members of the Audit Review Committee for their valuable work. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The members of the ARC were thanked by the IABA.</p>
Resolution No. 390. 2004-2005 Program Budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the amount of US\$30,000,000 annually from the Regular Fund as the overall allocation of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget, financed with quota contributions from the Member States in the amount of US\$27,167,572 per year, as per the amounts indicated on the Quota Scale attached hereto as "Appendix A," and with the expected receipt of miscellaneous income in the amount of US\$2,832,428 per year. 2. To approve the use of the resources of the 2004-2005 Program Budget in accordance with the allocations for each of the Chapters, line items and Strategic Areas detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.276(03) "Draft Program Budget for the 2004-2005 Biennium," the summary of which, by Chapter, is attached as "Appendix B." 	Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented

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	<p>3. To authorize the Director General to make transfers between the Chapters of the Program Budget, provided that total transfers neither increase nor reduce the affected Chapters by more than ten per cent, and do not substantially affect the priorities approved.</p> <p>4. 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 2004 and 2005 fall below estimated levels for the biennium. The Director General shall inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.</p>	<p>Operative Paragraph 3. Provision in force</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 4. Provision in force</p>
<p>Resolution 391. Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund</p>	<p>1. To approve the proposed special expenditures to be financed by the General Subfund, in the amount of US\$3,000,000.00 for the 2004-2005 biennium, earmarking them for the programs detailed in document IICA/JIA/Doc.277(03) "Special Expenditures Financed by the General Subfund,"".</p> <p>2. To provide that the funds earmarked according to the aforementioned distribution are not to be restored to the Working Subfund.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General to adopt such measures as may be required to ensure that the execution of the special budget does not affect the normal execution of the Institute's 2004-2005 Program Budget.</p>	<p>Resolution pending implementation Implementation depends on the collection of quota arrearages. To date only US\$300,000 of the resources of this special budget have been earmarked for Agricultural Health and Food Safety, and for biotechnology. Up to a maximum of US\$1.0 million is expected to be allocated during 2005.</p>
<p>Resolution 392. Proposal for the Collection of Quota Contributions owed to the Institute</p>	<p>1. To urge the Member States that owe quotas to IICA to pay their pending quotas as soon as possible, to enable the Institute to fully comply with its mandates.</p> <p>2. To adopt the measures contained in the Appendix to this resolution.</p>	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The Director General and the Director of Finance presented a report on the collection of quota arrearages to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting, and to the meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) held at IICA Headquarters on 17-18 March 2005.</p>

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		<p>The members of the delegations of the Member States sitting on the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee will receive updated information on the collection of quota arrearages and on compliance with the measures contained in this Resolution.</p>
<p>Resolution 393. Measures Approved by the IABA for Restructuring the Finances of the Institute.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the measures contained in the appendix to this resolution and instruct the Director General to take the steps necessary to fulfill same. 2. To urge the Member States to: a) make extra-quota financial contributions to fund high-priority programs and projects; b) provide the Institute, free of charge, office space suitable for its operations; and, c) make contributions in cash, assets and of other kinds to strengthen the Institute's Patrimonial Fund. 	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The Director General will submit to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, a progress report on the application of the measures approved by the IABA for restructuring the Institute's finances.</p> <p>Operative paragraph 2: Pending To date, no extra-quota contributions have been received from the Member States.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 394. Extension of the Term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To extend the term of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI) for a further two years, from the date of this resolution and until the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA), pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Advisory Commission's Statute. 2. To thank the Advisory Commission for its work and, in particular, for its attention in studying and improving the measures for restructuring the finances of Institute. 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Implemented</p> <p>This Resolution was forwarded on a timely basis to the 34 Member States.</p> <p>The Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues held its regular meeting for 2004 on May 25-26 and its meeting for 2005 on March 17-18, both at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. The report of the latter meeting is a working document of the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Implemented The IABA's appreciation was communicated to the members of the Advisory Commission.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 395. Reports on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and of the Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the reports: (i) “Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA),” and (ii) “Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.” 2. To express its satisfaction with the implementation of the resolutions. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p>
<p>Resolution No. 396. Membership Table of the Executive Committee</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the attached new Membership Table of the Executive Committee for the 2004-2018 period. 	<p>Resolution implemented The Executive Committee’s new membership table was sent by the Director General to all the Member States by letter N° 1427 dated 15 December 2003.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 397. Rotation Mechanism for Appointing the Representatives of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) To the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To adopt the following table that identifies the IICA Members States that are not members of CATIE that should appoint the person who will represent the IABA on the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE, for the term specified therein 2. To entrust the Director General of IICA with: (i) informing the Institute’s Member States of the table approved in the foregoing operative paragraph for appointing the IABA’s representatives to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE; and (ii) henceforth with requesting candidates to perform these duties on CATIE’s governing bodies according to the above rotation table. 	<p>Operative Paragraph 1. Provision in effect</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The new table was sent to IICA’s 34 Member States. (ii) Mr. Rodolfo Coto, Minister of Agriculture of Costa Rica and Chairman of the Governing Council of CATIE, asked the Government of Canada to appoint the person who will represent the IABA on CATIE’s Governing Council.

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Resolution No. 398. 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To declare the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards in the Rural Sector void. 2. To entrust the Director General with the task of actively promoting the presentation of candidates for the awards for the 2004-2005 period. 3. To urge the Member States to undertake effective processes in each country with a view to selecting suitably qualified candidates for the Inter-American Awards. 	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing The candidates nominated for the 2002-2003 Inter-American Awards will be considered along with the candidates nominated for Inter-American Awards for the 2004 period.</p> <p>The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, will examine the background information and will propose to the IABA the candidates for the Inter-American Awards for the 2004-2005 period.</p>
Resolution No. 399. Date and Site of the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept and thank the Government of Ecuador for its generous offer to host the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA). 2. To hold the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA in Ecuador during the second semester of 2005. 	<p>Implementation of Resolution ongoing On the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Government of Ecuador and the Director General of IICA will report on the progress made to prepare for both the Third Ministerial Meeting held within the framework of the Summit of the Americas process and the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>Operative Paragraph 2. Provision in effect The meeting is scheduled to take place in Ecuador on August 30- September 1, 2005.</p>
Resolution No. 400. Modifications of the Financial Rules and the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate on Miscellaneous Income	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the modifications to the Financial Rules and to the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate set out in Annex A. 	<p>Resolution implemented The approved amendments have been incorporated into both the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate and the Financial Rules.</p>
Resolution No. 401. Associate Personnel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To amend Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate, on the Institute's personnel, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To eliminate Article 14 (a)(iv) b. To add the following section (d) to Article 14: 	<p>Resolution Implemented The Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate referring to Institute personnel have been updated to include the amendments approved by Resolution 401.</p>

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	<p>d. ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL - volunteers, including former IICA staff members who wish to donate their services to IICA, and employees and contractors of partner institutions or entities, provided by same to IICA in compliance with the provisions of the Staff Rules.</p> <p>2. To urge the General Directorate to create a roster of experts available in the agricultural sector to provide their services, while on sabbatical, to the member countries.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph 2: In process of compliance</p>
<p>Resolution No. 402. 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)</p>	<p>1. To thank CATIE for the document “2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE).”</p> <p>2. To congratulate the Director General of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented The Director General of CATIE was informed of the contents of this Resolution by letter N° 1359 dated 2 December 2003.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 403. 2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)</p>	<p>1. To thank CARDI for the “2001-2002 Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI).”</p> <p>2. To congratulate the Executive Director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) on the contents and presentation of the Biennial Report.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented The Executive Director of CARDI was informed of the contents of this Resolution by letter N° 1369 dated 3 December 2003.</p>
<p>Resolution 404. Participation in the Forum of the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development (FORAGRO)</p>	<p>To take note of the report containing the conclusions of the Third International Meeting of FORAGRO and urge the Member States and IICA to increase their participation in this Forum.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>
<p>Resolution 405. Tribute to Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson.</p>	<p>1. To thank the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the support provided by Mrs. Jocelyn Thompson, Auditor General, General Secretariat of CAROSAI, who sat on the Audit Review Committee from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2003.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented The IABA’s gratitude was communicated to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago by letter N° 1362 dated 3 December 2003.</p>

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	2. To acknowledge the excellent and dedicated efforts of Mrs. Thompson, and offer sincere thanks for her contributions to the consolidation of the Audit Review Committee, and to the administrative and financial management of the Institute.	This acknowledgement was communicated to Mrs. Thompson by letter N° 1397 dated 4 December 2003.
Resolution 406. Vote of Thanks to the Government and People of Panama	<p>1. To respectfully thank the Government and people of the Republic of Panama for their extraordinary hospitality and, in particular, the President of Panama, Mrs. Mireya Moscoso, for her distinguished and enlightened participation in this event of critical importance for agriculture and rural life in the Americas.</p> <p>2. To express its appreciation to the Minister of Agricultural Development, Mrs. Lynette Maria Stanziola Apolayo, for her readiness to engage in constructive dialogue with her colleagues, and for her fair and efficient exercise of the chairmanship of the meeting; to the diligent staff of the Ministries of Agricultural Development and Foreign Relations and the Panamanian Tourism Institute; and to other public and private institutions of the Republic of Panama, for their warm welcome and generous support, which were a key factor in the success of the Second Ministerial Meeting held within the context of the Summit of the Americas process and the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The Resolution was read out in the presence of the Minister at the last Regular Meeting of the IABA (Panama City, 13 November 2004).</p>