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Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo
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Status of the Resolutions

I. Overview

The Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of IICA was held on 22-23 July 2004 at Institute Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Member States sitting on the 2004 Executive Committee were: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, United States of America, Guatemala, Peru, Dominican Republic, Suriname and Venezuela. The meeting was also attended by representatives of Canada, Costa Rica, Panama, and Ecuador, and of Spain, in its capacity as Associate State of the Institute. The Arab Republic of Egypt, France, Israel, Poland, and the Russian Federation attended as observer countries.

The Executive Committee was chaired by Mr. Bernardo López, Representative of the Government of Guatemala. Mr. Oscar Ghersi, Representative of the Government of Argentina, served as rapporteur.

II. Progress made in complying with the resolutions adopted by the 2004 Executive Committee

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OPERATIVE POINTS		ACTION PENDING
<p>1. Positioning of the Institute</p> <p>1.1. The Executive Committee, by Resolution 408, accepted the report on the progress made by the General Directorate in implementing the Institute's 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan and in transforming the Institute. It urged the Member States to continue supporting the General Directorate's efforts to strengthen the technical and financial aspects of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Status:</p> <p>1. The updated report will be presented by the Director General to the Executive Committee, at its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting (Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, 13-14 May).</p>

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<p>2. 2003 Annual Report</p> <p>2.1 The Executive Committee adopted, by Resolution 409, the “<i>2003 Annual Report</i>,” demonstrating in this way its support for the Institute’s work during that year, in connection with its technical cooperation, relations with strategic partners, administrative management, and the management of the Institute’s financial resources.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>Action pending: None</p>
<p>3. Strengthening of priority programs</p> <p>3.1 The Executive Committee, by Resolution 410 “<i>IICA Action in the Areas of Trade, Agribusiness, Agricultural Health and Food Safety</i>,” (i) recognized the progress achieved by the Program; (ii) instructed the Director General to strengthen and expand IICA’s cooperation services in this field, and (iii) urged the Member States to pay their quota arrearages so that the Institute will have the additional resources needed to strengthen cooperation.</p> <p>3.2. The Executive Committee approved the Action Plan prepared by IICA in response to the general assessment of its Agricultural Health and Food Safety Program, through Resolution 411: (i) recognizing the progress made by the General Directorate in implementation and (ii) instructing the Director General to continue efforts to strengthen and expand IICA cooperation services in this field.</p>	<p>In preparing its 2006-2007 Program Budget and in allocating resources for the 2005 Annual Work Plan, the Institute plans to strengthen, in accordance with the real availability of funds, the resources allocated for IICA cooperation with the Member States in the areas of Agricultural Health and Food Safety as well as Trade and Agribusiness.</p> <p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The General Directorate continued to implement the recommendations of the assessment.</p>	<p>Status: The availability of additional financing for IICA actions in this field depends on approval of the 2006-2007 Special Budget by the Executive Committee and the IABA, which will be submitted by the administration to the consideration of IICA’s governing bodies.</p>

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<p>3.3. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 412 “<i>Financing of Capacity Building for the Participation of the Member States in the WTO’s SPS Committee</i>,” resolved that, in order to strengthen the participation of IICA’s Member States in the SPS Committee of the WTO: (i) the Director General should allocate funds in accordance with financial availability; (ii) the Director General should prepare a proposal for obtaining support from regional and international financial institutions, and (iii) the countries pledged to fully support IICA’s efforts to raise these funds.</p>	<p>Resolution is being implemented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IICA allocated US\$97,673 of its resources in 2003 and US\$151,091 in 2004 and the United States contributed US\$395,727.87 in 2003 and US\$99,189.20 in 2004 to finance the participation of 25 Latin American countries in the meetings of the SPS Committee of the WTO. • In 2005, IICA expects to allocate up to US\$400,000 for AHFS from the 2004-2005 Special Budget. • An allotment of US\$500,000 was included for AHFS in the 2006-2007 Special Budget. 	<p>Actions Pending: Continue taking measures to obtain financial support from the IDB and other funding sources, in order to facilitate the participation of the member countries in the meetings of the WTO Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.</p>
<p>4. Strengthening the finances of IICA</p> <p>4.1. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 408, urged the Member States to undertake initiatives to strengthen the technical, administrative and financial aspects of the Institute, so that it has the means to comply with its 2002-2006 Medium Term Plan.</p> <p>4.2. The Executive Committee, by Resolution 417 “<i>Progress Report on the Collection of Quotas owed to the Institute and on Compliance with IABA</i>”</p>	<p>Resolution pending</p> <p>Resolution is being implemented Pursuant to Resolution 417, Appendix A, ten Member States were asked to</p>	<p>Actions pending: The Member States need to bring their quota payments up to date and make voluntary extra-quota contributions to finance specific, high-priority topics and in this way strengthen IICA’s finances.</p> <p>Actions pending: Pursuant to Resolution 417 of the Executive Committee, the Inter-American Board</p>

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<p><i>Resolution 392,</i>” thanked all the Member States for their efforts to bring their quota obligations with the Institute up to date.</p>	<p>comply with specific requests for payment so as to make progress in bringing their quotas obligations up to date. Of these, four moved from arrears status to regular status and six remained in arrears. Of these six, four have made payments to reduce their debt and two have not yet made any payments.</p>	<p>of Agriculture was requested, in its next regular meeting, to amend retroactively to 1 January 2004, the Measures for the Collection of Quota Contributions Owed to the Institute as set out in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res.392(XII-O/03), so as to facilitate application thereof.</p>
<p>5. Support for Administrative Management: 2003 Financial Statements of IICA and Report of the External Auditors</p> <p>5.1 The Executive Committee, through Resolution 415, approved the 2003 Financial Statements of IICA and the Report of the External Auditors, which attest to the proper management of the Institute’s resources during the aforementioned period.</p> <p>5.2 The Executive Committee, by Resolution 416: (i) approved the Tenth Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC), which endorses the contents of the Institute’s financial statements for 2004 and the report by the external auditors on those financial statements.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented. The Resolution was forwarded to the Directorate of Finance by memorandum SC/DG-849 dated 6 August.</p> <p>Resolution implemented. Resolution 416 was forwarded to the members of the ARC by means of letter SC/DG-867 dated 11 August.</p>	<p>Actions pending: None</p>

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<p>5.3. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 421, endorsed the proposal to establish a new section in the budget structure of the Regular Fund that will enable the Institute to earmark funds for replenishing assets and repairing buildings.</p> <p>The Executive Committee: (i) approved provisionally, <i>ad referendum</i> the IABA, the proposed amendment and entrusted the Director General with using this new structure of categories of activity in preparing the Institute’s 2006-2007 Program Budget and in preparing the corresponding annual budgets.</p>	<p>Resolution is being implemented. The new budget category for infrastructure and equipment renewal was included in the proposed Special Budget for 2006-2007¹ and will be included in the Annual Work Plan for 2006.</p> <p>The Financial Rules and Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate have been updated to include the new budget category.</p>	<p>Recommend to the IABA that, at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting, it ratify the decision taken <i>ad referendum</i> by the EC in Resolution 421.</p>
<p>6. Modernization of human resources management at the Institute</p> <p>6.1. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 418: (i) adopted as a non-binding framework for the process to modernize human resources management at the Institute, the recommendations contained in document IICA/CE/Doc.447(04) “Toward an intelligent parity system” and (ii) entrusted the Director General with adopting the necessary measures to continue moving forward in modernizing human resources management at the Institute, in accordance with the availability of financial resources.</p>	<p>Resolution is being implemented</p> <p>The document in reference is being used by the administration as a guiding framework, both for the process to modernize human resources management at the Institute and for decision making in the area of personnel management.</p>	<p>Actions pending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit to the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (May 2005) an updated progress report on the modernization of human resources management at the Institute.

¹ This new budget category has been included in the proposed Special Budget to be financed with resources from the Working Subfund of the Regular Fund.

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<p>6.2. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 419 “<i>Amendments to the Staff Rules and to the System for the Determination of Remuneration of IICA Personnel,</i>” approved the proposed amendments to the staff rules and to the system for determination of remuneration of institute personnel.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p> <p>The amendments approved by the Executive Committee have been included both in the Staff Rules and in the System for Determination of Remuneration of IICA Personnel. The new provisions are in force and are being applied in IICA personnel management.</p>	<p>Actions pending: None</p>
<p>7. Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI)</p> <p>7.1. The Executive Committee, by means of Resolution 414, accepted the 2003 report submitted by the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues to the Director General and thanked its members for their work to strengthen the Institute’s priority cooperation programs, move forward in modernizing human resources management at the Institute, and strengthen the finances of IICA.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented.</p> <p>The members of the SACMI were informed of the contents of this resolution by means of letters no. 850 and 854 sent by the Director General on 10 and 6 August 2004, respectively.</p>	<p>Actions pending: None</p>
<p>8. Strengthening the ties between the General Directorate and the Institute’s Governing Bodies</p>		

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<p>8.1 Through Resolution 413 “<i>The 2004-2005 Ministerial Process in Preparation of the Third Ministerial Meeting, the Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and the Fourth Summit of the Americas,</i>” the Executive Committee: (i) thanked and congratulated both the Government of Ecuador and the General Directorate of IICA for the progress made in preparing for the aforementioned Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life and the IABA meeting, and (ii) adopted the schedule established to facilitate coordination of the work of the Ministerial Delegates and their hemispheric forum (GRICA) and the support IICA will provide to these efforts.</p> <p>8.2. The Executive Committee, by Resolution 420, accepted the progress report on the strengthening of mechanisms of internal communication for Institute management and requested that the Director General continue efforts to renew and modernize same.</p> <p>8.3. The Executive Committee, through Resolution 422, granted the title of emeritus to Alfonso Chirinos Almanza, Gonzalo Estefanell Barbato and Mario Infante Olano, as of 14 January 2004.</p>	<p>Resolution is being implemented</p> <p>Organization of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas is fully under way. IICA has been working in coordination with the Ministerial Delegate of Ecuador and the technical and logistic commissions set up by the government for organizing and holding the meeting.</p> <p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>The granting of this title was communicated to the former staff members.</p>	<p>Actions pending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the ministerial delegates of IICA’s 34 Member States that meet together as the GRICA in: (i) preparing the report on the implementation of the first biennial Hemispheric Agenda (2003-2005) for the Plan; (ii) preparing the second biennial Hemispheric Agenda (2006-2007), and (iii) preparing the ministerial proposal for the Fourth Summit of the Americas. 2. Carry on with the activities programmed to ensure the logistics and support resources for the meeting. <p>In 2005 the General Directorate should consolidate the progress made in this area, to the extent that the availability of resources makes it possible.</p> <p>Actions pending: Officially deliver the certificates and medals to the personnel emeritus, through a ceremony held in the IICA Offices in the countries in which each resides.</p>

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<p>8.4. The Executive Committee, through Resolutions 423 and 424, approved the Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twenty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee (2003) and the Report on the Status of the Resolutions of the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the IABA.</p> <p>8.5. The Executive Committee, by Resolution 425, agreed to hold its Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting in 2005 and thanked the Minister of Agriculture of Bahamas for the offer made, in principle, to host the meeting in that country. It also charged the Director General with sending to the Minister of Agriculture of Bahamas, by the end of August 2004, information on the additional costs that would be required for holding the event in Bahamas.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Due to damages caused by Hurricanes Ivan, Frances and Jeanne, the Government of Bahamas withdrew its offer to host the Executive Committee meeting. This decision was reported to IICA's Representatives in the Member States by means of communication no. 1109 from the Director General dated 12 October 2004.</p> <p>In January 2005 the Government of Brazil offered to host the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee on 13-14 May, on the occasion of the International Fair AGRISHOW 2005 to be held in the city of Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the 12 Member States sitting on the 2005 EC (Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Chile, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Mexico, Peru, Suriname,</p>	<p>Actions pending: None</p> <p>Actions pending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry on with the logistic arrangements and organize the support services required for the meeting. 2. Hold the Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee in Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, Brazil, on 13- 14 May 2005.

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	United States of America, and Uruguay) were consulted by correspondence regarding the proposal for a new venue for the meeting. Their answer was affirmative and they thanked the Government of Brazil for its offer.	

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² **Note: All resolutions** approved by the Executive Committee can be found on IICA's web page (in Spanish and English) at the following electronic address: http://webiica/organos_iica/comite/2004/resoluciones.asp