

**RESOLUTION No. 487**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MECHANISM FOR APPOINTING  
THE REPRESENTATIVE 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)**

The INTER-AMERICAN BOARD OF AGRICULTURE (IABA), at its Seventeenth Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 363 (13), “Proposed amendment to the 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),”

CONSIDERING:

That the Contract of CATIE stipulates that the IABA is to appoint one Member State of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) that is not a member of CATIE as its Representative to the Center’s Board of Directors (Clause 10) and one as its Representative to CATIE’s Governing Council (Clause 16);

That, in Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 397 (XII-O/03), the IABA established a rotation mechanism under which, every three years, a given Member State was to appoint one of its citizens to represent the IABA on CATIE’s Board of Directors and, every two years, another country was to designate the IABA representative to CATIE’s Governing Council;

That the rotation proposed for appointing the Representative to the Board of Directors has been exhausted, so that a new rotation needs to be proposed;

That, on October 21, 2011, the IABA established the responsibilities of its Representative to CATIE’s Governing Council by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 473 (XVI-O/11); and,

That, at the Thirty-second Regular Meeting of IICA’s Executive Committee, Argentina drew attention to the need: (a) for the duties of the IABA Representative to CATIE’s Board of Directors to be defined based on those established for the IABA Representative to the Center’s Governing Council; and (b) for a single country to represent the IABA on the two governing bodies of CATIE, in order to facilitate follow-up to agreements and the presentation of results; and,

That the Executive Committee, at its Thirty-third Regular Meeting, by means of Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 575 (XXXIII-O/13), recommended that the IABA establish a new rotation for its Representative to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE beginning in 2015, and modify the responsibilities of its Representative to the Governing Council of CATIE that were approved in 2011,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To establish that, beginning in 2015, the person who represents the IABA on the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE be appointed by a single IICA Member State, in accordance with the following table:

| <b>REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IABA TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND GOVERNING COUNCIL OF CATIE</b> |                |               |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Region</b>   | <b>Country</b> | <b>Period</b> |
| Southern  | Chile          | 2015-2017     |
| Andean  | Ecuador        | 2018-2020     |
| Caribbean   | Grenada        | 2021-2023     |
| Northern  | Canada         | 2024-2026     |

2. Instruct the Director General of IICA to adhere to the rotation mechanism established in the above table and, at the appointed time, to request that the corresponding Member State appoint the person who will represent the IABA on the aforementioned governing bodies of CATIE; and
3. Amend the annex of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 473 (XVI-O/11) so that:
  - i. The title reads, “*Responsibilities of the Representative of the IABA to the Governing Council and Board of Directors of CATIE*”;
  - ii. The text of subparagraph 2 reads:

*To coordinate with the Director General of IICA and with the Member States to establish the IABA’s position on matters dealt with by the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE, especially with respect to any decisions taken to expand the IICA-CATIE Program for Joint Action and strengthen the mechanisms for implementing joint activities; and*

iii. The text of subparagraph 4 reads:

*To confer with the Member States and the Director General of IICA regarding any matters on the agenda of the Governing Council and the Board of Directors of CATIE that might relate to IICA, or its assets, in particular any such matters requiring a vote of the Council or the Board of Directors.*