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**Thirtieth Report of the Audit
Review Committee (ARC)**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Audit Review Committee (ARC) was established in September 1993 by Resolution 231 of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).

MANDATE

Pursuant to the Statute of the Audit Review Committee, the only reporting requirement of the Audit Review Committee is to report to both the Executive Committee and the Inter-American Board of Agriculture anything that, in the judgment of the Audit Review Committee, may constitute a violation of the rules and procedures governing the operations of the General Directorate.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The present members of the ARC are:

- Mr. Fernando Magalhães Soares Pinto, Undersecretary for Budget, Planning and Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply, Brazil
- Miss Yvonne James, Director of Audit, Office of the Director of Audit, Saint Lucia
- Mr. Shannon Bedminister, Budget Controller, Ministry of Finance, Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica

ACTIVITIES OF THE AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ARC met on June 13, 2024, with the purpose of conducting the annual review of the Financial Statements for the year that ended December 31, 2023.

Discussions were held with the following management and administrative personnel of IICA:

- Braulio Heinze, Director of Corporate Services
- Karen Kleinheinz, Financial Manager
- Grettel Loría, Accounting Chief, Financial Management
- Yensy Casanova, Coordinator of the Consolidation Unit, Financial Management
- Jorge Sánchez, Internal Auditor, a.i.
- Emmanuel Picado, Manager of Information and Communication Technologies Unit and Digital Agriculture
- Julio Solís, Information Systems Specialist

The ARC reviewed the draft report of the external auditor, Deloitte, and held discussions with the Audit Partner, Jorge Barboza and the Audit Manager, Kelly Preciado.

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IICA

Based on these discussions, the ARC found that the work performed by the external auditors complies with International Auditing Standards and IICA's rules. The external auditors opined IICA's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of IICA as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. The ARC accepts the external auditors' opinion and related report. We commend IICA for its 2023 audit results and the achievement of an unmodified audit opinion for six consecutive years.

Quotas Receivable

The ARC acknowledges the receipt of quotas due from Member States during 2023 and would like to commend the actions taken to improve collections. However, we wish to encourage continued efforts in pursuit of timely payments from Member States with amounts due. This will allow IICA to fulfill its mission to encourage, promote and support Member States in their efforts to achieve agricultural development.

Follow-up actions regarding previous external audit findings

Based on the information presented by the external auditors, we note that the Administration of IICA has implemented the administrative and information technology recommendations.

Modernization of policies and procedures

The ARC supports IICA's continued efforts to update and modernize its policies and procedures, especially in the areas of internal audit, human resources, and financial administration.

We are making no additional recommendations.

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