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**Report on the Status of Resolutions of the Nineteenth
Regular Meeting of the IABA**

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I. General Information

The Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) was held at the Headquarters of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 25-26 October 2017. Mr. Luis Felipe Arauz, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Costa Rica, chaired the meeting, and Mrs. María de Lourdes Cruz, Director of International Relations of the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) of Mexico, served as the Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the IABA

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<p>Resolution No. 504 Report on “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018”</p> <p>1. To accept the report, “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018,” and underscore its importance for the governments of the region as a useful tool for the tasks of analysis and policy-making.</p> <p>2. To urge ECLAC, FAO and IICA to continue to jointly prepare this report, to operate the platform www.agrirural.org and to generate additional, complementary products, by allocating the necessary human, financial and other resources to successfully carry out these tasks.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The General Directorate presented to the Member States of IICA the report on “The Outlook for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Americas: A Perspective on Latin America and the Caribbean 2017-2018,” prepared jointly by IICA, FAO and ECLAC, which highlights the role played by agriculture in generating jobs and reducing rural poverty.</p> <p>For the 2019 edition, the three institutions have agreed to modify the structure of the report to make it shorter. The report will examine agriculture and rurality from a much broader perspective, and will provide a comprehensive view of economic-productive, social and environmental aspects as they relate to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a frame of reference. Future editions will include a</p>

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<p>3. To support these efforts by requesting that the member countries provide the official information required for advancing the construction of a competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	special chapter on a topic that will vary each year. This year, the chapter will focus on the potential of the bioeconomy within the framework of the 2030 Agenda.
<p>Resolution No. 505 “Authorization for the Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee to approve the Medium-term Plan of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for 2018-2022”</p> <p>1. To instruct the Director General to prepare IICA’s MTP for 2018-2022 in consultation with the Member States, considering as basic guidelines: a) the resolutions in force of the IABA and of the Executive Committee, and b) the guidelines for the actions of the Institute contained in IICA’s 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>2. To authorize the Executive Committee to approve, at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, IICA’s MTP for 2018-2022, as well as the required adjustments to the allocation of funds under the Institute’s 2018-2019 Program Budget in order to implement it.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The 2018-2022 MTP was prepared in accordance with the basic guidelines of the IABA, the Executive Committee and the 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>The proposal for the 2018-2022 MTP was submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, which was held from 17-18 July 2018 in San Jose, Costa Rica. The proposal was approved via Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 629 (XXXVIII-O/18).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 506 “Strategic Analysis of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)”</p> <p>To urge the incoming Director General of IICA to undertake a full strategic review relating to IICA/FAO</p>	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>A report on the relationship between IICA and FAO was submitted for</p>

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<p>cooperation within the first 12 months of his administration, including, but not limited, to the following areas: office structure and costs at Headquarters and at the country delegations; external project funding; contributions to other international organizations; quotas and status of arrears, as well as strategic partnerships; and to present a report to the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee of IICA in 2019.</p>		<p>consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting. A presentation on Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 506 “Strategic Analysis of IICA” was delivered during the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. Thus, Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 644 (XXXIX-O/19) “Strategic Analysis of IICA”, was approved.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 507 “Report on the results of the IICA-CATIE Program of Joint Action and extension of the Contract between the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture on the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the Report on the Results of the IICA-CATIE Program of Joint Action (second semester of 2016 and first semester of 2017) in the areas of technical cooperation, capacity building and corporate management, which has contributed to strengthening the relationship between the institutions; to encourage the institutions to continue working for the benefit of their Member States and to task them with reporting on the results of the Program to the Executive Committee and the IABA, at their next regular meetings. 2. To request that the directors general of IICA and CATIE establish, with support from the Government of Costa Rica, an <i>ad hoc</i> working group that includes representatives of each institution, two external consultants and an international legal expert, who shall be responsible for preparing a “strategic proposal” for the future of CATIE that details scenarios and alternatives for restructuring and 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>A report on the progress of the IICA-CATIE Program of Joint Action was presented to the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Regular Meetings. A report will also be made to Twentieth Regular Meeting of the next IABA.</p> <p>An <i>ad hoc</i> working group comprising representatives of IICA, CATIE and the Government of Costa Rica was established in order to prepare the requested proposal.</p>

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<p>strengthening the Center’s organizational, scientific, academic and financial frameworks, as well as its legal basis.</p> <p>3. To instruct both directors general to ensure that the <i>ad hoc</i> group presents this strategic proposal, including its conclusions and scenarios, to the Executive Committee, so that it may issue recommendations at its next regular meeting.</p> <p>4. To task the Executive Committee with studying and analyzing the strategic proposal and adopting the corresponding resolutions at its next regular meeting, as well as reporting on this topic at the next regular meeting of the IABA.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>The <i>ad hoc</i> working group presented the “Strategic Proposal for the Future of CATIE” during the Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee. The corresponding resolution IICA/CE/Res. 652 (XXXIX-O/19) “Strategy for the Future of CATIE” was accepted.</p> <p>The Twentieth Regular Meeting of the IABA will be informed of the Executive Committee resolution relating to the strategic proposal for the future of CATIE.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 508 “Support for the IICA/FAO Memorandum of Understanding in fulfilment of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 501 (XVIII-O/15)”</p> <p>1. To support the efforts undertaken by the General Directorate of IICA to strengthen its cooperative relationship with FAO, as well as to congratulate the Director General on his efforts to establish a new memorandum of understanding with FAO that seeks to improve and strengthen the cooperation mechanisms between both institutions by means of a joint program work, for the benefit of Latin American and Caribbean countries.</p> <p>2. To request that the Director General proceed immediately with the operational implementation of the memorandum of understanding, including, among other aspects, areas</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The countries are supporting the implementation of the memorandum of understanding.</p> <p>The Director General proceeded to implement the memorandum of understanding.</p>

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<p>and modalities for cooperation at the regional and national levels as well as mechanisms for joint work and financing.</p> <p>3. To task the Director General with informing the Executive Committee, at its next meeting, on progress achieved in strengthening the cooperation between IICA and FAO, in accordance with the provisions of the memorandum of understanding and the present resolution.</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	At the Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the FAO Subregional Coordinator for Mesoamerica and the Office of the Chief of Staff of IICA presented a report on progress achieved within the framework of the memorandum of understanding, in accordance with its provisions and those set forth in this resolution.
<p>Resolution No. 509 “Report on the collection of quotas”</p> <p>1. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs, as well as other high-level government officials in IICA’s Member States, for the efforts they have been making to honor their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion.</p> <p>2. To maintain in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage the Member States to make their annual quota payments in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years.</p> <p>3. To instruct the Director General of the Institute to continue efforts to collect the quotas of the Member States, both for the current year and previous years, and to keep the Member States informed of progress in this area.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Thank you notes for the payment of quotas have been sent out, highlighting the importance of these resources. Constant communication has been maintained in order to manage the collection of quotas owed for previous periods.</p> <p>Updated information on progress made in the collection of quotas was submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eight and Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting, to be held in July 2018 and 2019. A report will also be made to Twentieth Regular Meeting of the next Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA).</p>

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<p>4. To strengthen the commitment of the Member States to remain current with the payment of their annual quotas, and to reach an agreement with IICA, as necessary, for the payment of quotas owed for previous years.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	
<p>Resolution No. 510 “2015-2016 Financial Statements of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-second and Twenty-third Reports of the Audit Review Committee”</p> <p>1. To approve the 2015 and 2016 financial statements of IICA, as well as the reports of the external auditors.</p> <p>2. To accept the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Reports of the ARC.</p> <p>3. To express to the members of the ARC the satisfaction and appreciation of the Member States of IICA for the work accomplished.</p>	Resolution implemented	
<p>Resolution No. 511 “2018-2019 Program Budget”</p> <p>1. To approve the overall allocation of USD 33,074,100 per year from the Institute’s Regular Fund for the 2018-2019 Program-budget, financed with USD 29,574,100 annually in quota contributions from the Member States, as per the amounts indicated in the scale attached hereto as Annex A, including assessed quotas and over-quota contributions; and with USD 3,500,000 per year in miscellaneous resources, from income that it is estimated will be generated; however, for fiscal year 2019, the assessed quotas will be those computed in accordance with the percentages established in the quota scale approved by the General Assembly of the OAS for that year.</p>	Operative paragraph in effect	<p>The quotas allocated for 2019 were calculated based on the percentages of the quota scale approved for that year by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS).</p>

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2. To approve the use of resources for the 2018 Program-budget, in the amount of USD 33,074,100 in accordance with the allocations for each of the chapters, headings and programs specified in Document IICA/JIA/Doc. 384 (17), "2018-2019 Program-budget." The summary of allocations by chapter is attached to this resolution as Annex B.	Operative paragraph implemented	
3. To instruct the Director General to submit to the consideration of the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, a draft allocation of the funds approved for the 2019 Program-budget, consistent with the priorities of the new MTP of the Institute.	Operative paragraph implemented	The draft expenditure budget for 2019 was approved by the Executive Committee at its Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, via resolution IICA/CE/Res. 636 (XXXVIII-O/18).
4. To authorize the Director General to effect transfers among chapters of the Program Budget, provided that the total transfers do not significantly affect the priorities approved.	Operative paragraph in effect	
5. To authorize the Director General to make the necessary adjustments in the allocation of resources approved in this resolution, should the combined income for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 fall below estimated levels, and to inform the Executive Committee and the IABA of this situation.	Operative paragraph in effect	
6. To instruct the Director General to ensure that any additional over-quota contribution received that exceeds the total amount approved for the 2018-2019 biennium is applied to the Regular Fund used to finance the 2018-2019 Program-budget, in accordance with the MTP approved by the IABA.	Operative paragraph in effect	
7. To express appreciation for the voluntary over-quota contributions pledged by the Member States for the	Operative paragraph implemented	

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<p>Program Budget, and any others they might consider making to complement the amount required to maintain at least the same operating level as in 2017.</p>		
<p>Resolution No. 512 “General Power of Attorney of the Director General-elect for the period 2018-2022”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To grant to the Director General-elect general power of attorney for a period of four years, beginning 15 January 2018, so that he may faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of Director General conferred upon him under Article 20 of the Convention and Chapter II of the Rules of Procedure of the General Directorate. 2. To confer this general power of attorney pursuant to the general stipulations of the Civil Code of the Republic of Costa Rica, the host country of the Institute and, in particular, to Article 1253 of said Code. 3. To authorize the Director General-elect, Mr. Manuel Otero, to grant and revoke powers of attorney of all kinds, and to register the power of attorney conferred upon him, where indicated. 4. To request that the Director General-elect carry out the other legal procedures required to comply with this resolution. 	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>As stipulated in the resolution, the general power of attorney, which is valid from January 15, 2018 to January 15, 2022, was registered in due time and form with the Public Records Office of Costa Rica.</p> <p>Under the legal instrument in question, the Director General has been granted all the powers established in the resolution.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 514 “Geographical rotation for the election of the Chair of the meetings of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture held at Headquarters”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p>	<p>No further action is required.</p>

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<p>To add the following to Article 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA: “In the event that the meeting of the Board is held at the Institute’s Headquarters, the Chair shall be elected taking into account the principle of geographical rotation.”</p>	Operative paragraph implemented	In October 2017, the requested text was added to Article 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the IABA.
<p>Resolution No. 515 “Membership table of the Executive Committee for the period 2019-2033”</p> <p>To approve the attached new table for the 2019-2033 period, which includes the 34 Member States of the Institute.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	No further action is required.