



Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)

**Status of the resolutions of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh
Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee**

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STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General Information

The Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from 23-24 August 2016. The Executive Committee was made up of the following countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, United States of America and Venezuela¹.

Mr. Juan Carlos Baruja, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock of Paraguay, served as the Chair of the meeting, and Mr. Wendell Dennis, Deputy Director General of the Multilateral Affairs Division of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), serve as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee

Resolution	Status	Observations
<p>Resolution No. 606 “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2014-2015”</p> <p>1. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing the activities of the Program for Joint Action, with a view to enhancing the contribution of the two institutions in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.</p> <p>2. To urge the Director General of CATIE to make all reports provided to CATIE’s governing council, including financial reports, also available to the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>At the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 18-19 July 2017, the report was presented on actions carried out recently within the framework of the Joint Program of Action IICA-CATIE.</p> <p>The reports presented to the Governing Council of CATIE, including its financial statements, were included among the information documents of the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 607 “Biennial Report of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) for 2014-2015”</p> <p>To urge IICA and CARDI to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for executing joint activities, with a view to enhancing the contribution of both institutions in support of the Member States’ efforts to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>At the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 18-19 July 2017, the report was presented on joint actions carried out recently between IICA and CARDI.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 610 “Status of the Resolutions of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) and resolutions of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>To accept the reports: a) “Status of the Resolutions of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA)””; and b) “Status of the Resolutions of the Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee.”</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held 23-24 August 2017 at IICA Headquarters, information was provided on the status of resolutions No. 500, 501 and 502 of the Eighteenth Regular Meeting of the IABA (2015).</p>
<p>Resolution No. 611 “Report on the collection of quotas”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To acknowledge the importance of maintaining in effect the measures established by the Executive Committee and the IABA to encourage IICA’s Member States to make their annual quota payments to the Institute in a timely fashion and to pay arrears for previous years. 2. To instruct the Director General to: a) continue efforts to collect the quotas for 2016 and those owed for previous years; and, b) keep IICA’s Member States informed of progress in this area. 	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>Constant communication has been maintained regarding the payment of quota arrears with respect to previous years.</p> <p>At the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Member States were informed of the progress made in the collection of quotas. Document DT-663 entitled</p>

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<p>3. To urge the Member States to remain current with the payment of their quotas to the Institute, and those that are in arrears, to follow through with the plans agreed to meet their financial obligations to IICA.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>‘Report on the collection of quotas’ was uploaded to the Information System.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 612 “2015 Financial Statements of IICA, Report of the External Auditors and Twenty-second Report of the Audit Review Committee (ARC)”</p> <p>To approve the Twenty-second Report of the ARC and instruct the Director General to implement the recommendations contained therein.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, Document DT-665 entitled ‘Twenty-third Report of the ARC’, which shows the results of the implementation of these recommendations, was presented. This document was placed in the Information System.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 613 “Updating of the Financial Rules”</p> <p>To amend rules 2.1, 2.3, 2.13, 3.1, 3.5, 4.5, 4.10, 4.16 and 4.17, as well as the Introduction and Appendix A of the Financial Rules, as established in Annex A.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>On 28 February 2017, Memorandum SC/DG-121 was sent to IICA personnel informing them of the updating of the Financial Rules, which is now available on the IICA Intranet.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 614 “Date and Venue of the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee”</p> <p>1. To hold the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee at IICA Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica, during the first half of 2017.</p> <p>2. To instruct the Director General to issue the convocation, in due course, to the Member States to participate in said meeting of the Executive Committee, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the rules currently in effect.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>The meeting was held on 18-19 July in San Jose, Costa Rica, at IICA Headquarters.</p> <p>The invitation was sent to participants on 2 June 2017, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee.</p>

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<p>Resolution No. 615 “Progress made in drafting proposals for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To request that the Director General continue the process of internal restructuring aimed at institutional modernization and strengthening, giving due consideration to the corresponding priorities, and suggest new actions aimed at strengthening the Institute’s technical cooperation model and boosting its financial capacity. 2. To request that the Director General undertake a study, which may include the necessary consultations, to analyze: the legal framework of the WHO-PAHO model that could serve as the basis for a strengthened alliance between IICA and FAO in order to eliminate duplication, promote savings in the implementation of activities, and make better use of the resources allocated by the Member States to both organizations; how the model benefits member countries; advantages and areas of opportunities; potential disadvantages to IICA’s current effectiveness in technical cooperation; and to submit a report to the next regular meeting of the SACMI which should include recommendations that the Office of the Director General supports for implementation. 3. To invite all Member States to send to the Director General, by December 31, 2016, their proposals and recommendations for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute, and to participate in the work of the SACMI on these matters, in accordance with the invitation extended to them by the IABA through Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 501, and ask the Director General to give due follow-up to this invitation. 	<p>Resolution being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>At the 2017 Regular Meeting of the Special Advisory Commission on Management Issues (SACMI), the Director General of IICA presented a report on the adaptation of the WHO/PAHO cooperation model, to the IICA/FAO relationship. This topic was included in the work agenda of the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, where it was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee would be convened on the day before the start of the IABA in order to review said report and a corresponding draft resolution.</p> <p>On 21 October 2016, communication SC/DG-660 was sent to all 34 Member States of IICA inviting them to submit their proposals and recommendations. Responses were received only from Panama and Jamaica.</p>

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<p>4. To request that, at its next meeting, the SACMI consider and comment on the recommendations made by the Director General and Member States for the financial strengthening and strategic restructuring of the Institute; and that the Director General, in his capacity as Chair of the SACMI, submit the corresponding recommendations to the following regular meetings of the Executive Committee and the IABA.</p>	<p>Operative paragraph being implemented</p>	<p>The topic was included in the Program of the 2017 Regular Meeting of the SACMI, which was conducted via videoconference on April 24, and note was taken of the recommendations made by the Member States (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, El Salvador, Guyana, Mexico, Paraguay, United States of America and Venezuela). These recommendations will be presented at the upcoming meetings of the Executive Committee and the IABA, which will be held in July and October, respectively.</p>
<p>Resolution No. 616 “Cooperation between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and the Market Information Organization of the Americas (MIOA)”</p> <p>To urge MIOA and IICA to continue to strengthen their mechanisms for collaboration and joint activities, with a view to making vital and timely marketing information easily available to producers and decision makers alike for the purpose of fostering development and greater transparency and efficiencies within the agricultural sector.</p>	<p>Resolution implemented</p> <p>Operative paragraph implemented</p>	<p>Mr. Terry Long, President of the MIOA, presented the report at the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held 23-24 August 2016.</p>

III. Resolutions approved at other meetings of the Executive Committee

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<p>Resolution No. 506 “Bylaws of the Inter-American Commission for Organic Agriculture (ICOA)”, approved at the Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2009:</p> <p><i>Article 3 (2.m) of the Bylaws:</i> To submit to the Executive Committee of IICA – through the Director General of IICA –an annual report on its activities, which may include</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report of the ICOA on activities carried out in 2016 was presented as an information document of the Thirty-</p>

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recommendations and draft resolutions for its consideration.		sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held on 23-24 August 2016 and the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held from 18-19 July 2017.
<p>Resolution No. 572 “IICA cooperation with the market information organization of the Americas (MIOA)”, approved at the Thirty-third Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held in 2013:</p> <p>To request that the President of the MIOA and the Director General of IICA present progress reports to the Executive Committee on the work being done in the field of agricultural market information and the process of institutional strengthening of MIS and the MIOA.</p>	<p>Resolution in effect</p> <p>Operative paragraph in effect</p>	<p>The report on joint activities mentioned in operative paragraph 4 was presented at the Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee held from 23-24 August 2016 and the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, held from 18-19 July 2017.</p>

STATUS OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I. General Information

The Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the IICA Executive Committee was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 18-19 July 2017. The 2017 Executive Committee comprised the following Member States: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia and the United States of America.²

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Mr. Bryce Quick, Associate Administrator and Chief Operating Officer of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), was elected to serve as Chair of the Meeting, and Mrs. Ana Isabel Gómez, Executive Director of the Executive Secretariat for Agricultural Sector Planning (SEPSA) of Costa Rica, was acted as Rapporteur.

II. Status of the resolutions adopted by the 2017 Executive Committee

IICA will provide the necessary follow-up to the resolutions adopted at the recent Executive Committee meeting. It will also provide a progress report at its meeting to be held in 2018, on those resolutions requiring specific action on the part of the Institute.

The resolutions have been included in the final report of the Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting of the Executive Committee, which can be accessed via the Information System of the 2017 IABA.