

RESOLUTION No. 678

**BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE TROPICAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND
HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER (CATIE) FOR 2019-2020**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Forty-first Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

The “Biennial Report of the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) for 2019-2020” and the” Report on Joint Collaboration Activities between IICA and CATIE”,

CONSIDERING:

That, by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 441 (XIV-O/07), the Inter-American Board of Agriculture (IABA) delegated to the Executive Committee responsibility for receiving and analyzing the reports and plans of CATIE and requested that, in future, the Director General of this Center forward directly to the General Directorate of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) the biennial report and plans of CATIE for acceptance by the Executive Committee;

That, by means of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 507 (XIX-O/17), the IABA requested that the directors general of IICA and CATIE prepare, with support from the Government of Costa Rica, a “strategic proposal” for the future of CATIE;

That, in response to the proposal submitted, the IABA decided, by way of Resolution IICA/JIA/Res. 519 (XX-O/19), to establish a Special Committee, made up of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico and the United States, for the purpose of studying, analyzing and making recommendations regarding the future of CATIE and presenting them to the Twentieth Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

That, via Resolution IICA/CE/Res. 664 (XL-O/20), the Executive Committee resolved to accept the recommendations of the Special Committee and to instruct the Director General of IICA and the Director General of CATIE to make the necessary institutional modifications that would allow for converging the two organizations as requested by the IABA, as well as those that would continuously facilitate and foster their joint, coordinated work without the need to modify the current legal framework,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept CATIE's Biennial Report for 2019-2020.
2. To recognize the collaborative work of the directors general of IICA and CATIE, as well as the progress achieved in the joint Master Plan.
3. To urge IICA and CATIE to continue to strengthen their links and mechanisms for implementing joint activities in support of the efforts of the Member States to achieve competitive, sustainable and inclusive agricultural development.
4. 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.