

RESOLUTION No. 553

COLLABORATION WITH THE CGIAR

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

HAVING HEARD:

The presentation made by the General Directorate on the potential of the partnership with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) for strengthening the actions taken by IICA in support of its Member States,

CONSIDERING:

That the CGIAR was established to reduce poverty and hunger, improve human health and nutrition, and enhance ecosystem resilience through high-quality international agricultural research, partnership and leadership;

That CGIAR is a global partnership of 15 international agricultural research centers that work on research oriented to the sustainable development of agriculture. Their activities are financed by developing and industrial countries foundations and international organizations;

That four of the international centers operate in the hemisphere: IFPRI, CIMMYT, CIAT and CIP, and that their Directors General have agreed with the Director General of IICA to hold a working meeting on August 25, 2011;

That the CGIAR has operations in more than 200 locations around the world via a network that links thousand of associates at all levels involved in agriculture, natural resource conservation and preservation of the environment; and,

That CGIAR expenditures amounted to US\$572 million in 2009, the single largest investment made to mobilize science for the benefit of the rural poor worldwide,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the proposal of the Director General calling for the strengthening of relations between IICA and the CGIAR by establishing a partnership intended to support the Member States in the development and application of technology required to make agriculture competitive, sustainable and inclusive.
2. To request that the Director General keep the Member States informed of progress in and the results of this initiative.
3. To urge the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States to provide, in their respective countries, the support required to plan and implement joint actions between IICA and the CGIAR at the national, regional or hemispheric level.