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**RECOGNITION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE (IICA)**

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) was founded in 1942 as the specialized agency of the Inter-American System in the area of agriculture.

The Institute focuses its efforts on programs relating to policy analysis and planning, the generation and transfer of technology, the organization and management of rural development, marketing and agroindustry, and animal and plant health.

IICA, through its research, training, and technology transfer programs, has helped to significantly increase agricultural and livestock production in the countries of the Americas, in this way increasing the population's food supply and contributing to the improvement of nutrition. The Institute has also carried out technical cooperation activities aimed at improving living conditions and introducing agroindustrial technology in rural areas.

Through the years, IICA has carried out a number of activities in coordination with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), particularly in the areas of veterinary public health, animal health, and in information on pesticides.

Noteworthy among these activities have been the organization of information systems and epidemiological surveillance systems on various animal diseases, as well as activities relating to the use of pesticides, the mobilization of human and financial resources for manpower training in the countries, the exchange of scientific and technical information, and support to help the countries find solutions to priority problems, for example through the co-financing of consultants for the establishment of laboratories and the production of vaccines for animal use.

Program coordination is accomplished in the context of Regional meetings such as the Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Animal Health (RIMSA) and the Inter-American Group for Coordination in Animal Health (GICSA) and through joint participation in border meetings under bilateral and multilateral agreements among countries of the Region.

In recognition of the foregoing, the XXXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO wishes to convey to the Director-General of IICA and, through him, to the governing bodies of the Institute, its congratulations on the occasion of IICA's fiftieth anniversary and its sincere wishes for continued success in the delivery of technical cooperation to benefit the countries of the Region.

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