

REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS
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The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.
United States of America

Dear Minister:


I make of your knowledge, that through a communication dated May 11th 2009, Mr. Chelston W.D Brathwaite, Director General of the IICA, notified the three candidates (Mexico, Honduras and Perú) to the Head Office, in order to participate in the annual meeting of IICA's Executive Committee (EC), that would take place on July 15th 2009 at the headquarters of IICA.

On that date, and according to the invitation of Director General Brathwaite, and as it corresponded to each candidate, we made us present to make a 15 minute oral presentation, of the technical proposal related with IICA's future facing a new administration; however, the Executive Committee took the temporary decision of not allowing me to make my presentation, due to the political situation raised in my country, but accepting to maintain my candidature to IICA's Head Office.

Based on the electoral procedure found in IICA's rules and nevertheless the impasse described above due to the political situation in my country, which we expect will be overcome in a short term, I respectfully inform you that I continue as candidate for the post of Director General of IICA, in my condition of a Honduran citizen in full enjoyment of my technical and professional faculties and conscious that I've been participating actively since the beginning in this process framed under IICA's normative. In this particular, enclosed you will find a copy of the note, that was handed to the IICA's Executive Committee, on July 15th, stating my arguments and notifying this decision.

I would appreciate, if you take note of the above, in the interest that your country supports our objective of implementing a viable alternative to improve IICA's technological services to its 34 member countries, leading to the development of the agriculture and rural well-being with dynamism and action, in each country.

With no other particular, I reiterate the samples of my consideration and esteem.



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