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CIDIA — TURRIALBA COSTA RICA

PROPOSED LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CENTA AND CATIE ON  
CONCENTRATED ACTION MODULES (MAC)  
(Unofficial translation from Spanish)

Source of financing: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC)

- 1.- CENTA and CATIE, under the terms of the general agreement signed on \_\_\_\_\_ and by this Letter of Understanding agree to carry out the project on "Concentrated Modules" financed by the EEC.
- 2.- The project will be carried out in the Northern Zone of the country, starting with the Department of Chalateno and located physically at the Tejutla Extension Agency.
- 3.- The areas of action are research, training and technical assistance regarding production systems for small farmers of the region.
- 4.- The objectives are:
  - a.- to conduct base-line studies to improve the knowledge on the agro-socioeconomic situation of the Northern Zone.
  - b.- to formulate, develop and implement methodologies and models to generate and transfer technology to specific areas
  - c.- to promote alternatives suitable for the small farmer's resources aimed at improving production and productivity
  - d.- to train professionals and farmers.



- 5.- The length of this first stage will be 15 months, effective with the signing of this document.
- 6.- The specific objectives of this first stage are:
  - a.- to conduct socioeconomic studies:
    - a.1. detailed in the Tejutla area, to supplement the existent data.
    - a.2. semi-detailed on areas influenced by Tejutla, and,
    - a.3. exploratory in other areas of the Northern Zone
  - b.- to start the design of models for generation and transfer of technology by utilizing a multidisciplinary team.
  - c.- to prepare alternatives suitable to Tejutla and its area of influence.
  - d.- to determine analogous areas to extrapolate the alternatives.
  - e.- to transfer to the producer and professionals, the technology generated during this first stage of the project.
- 8.- The planning of the project will be carried out by a joint steering committee (CENTA-CATIE), which will be in charge of preparing the work plan.
- 9.- CATIE will support the project through its personnel, and facilities at Turrialba, as indicated in the General Agreement.

- 10.- CENTA will contribute with qualified staff from headquarters and from the Extension Agency at Tejutla and with laboratories and greenhouses at the substation of Nueva Concepción. CENTA will also contribute with the use of experimental fields at headquarters, as well as office space and some secretarial help.
- 11.- When the project requires permanent services of CENTA personnel to be involved, not only in the specific area, but on a regional basis, CATIE will pay their salaries through the project, and CENTA will be responsible for keeping their position with the institution.
- 12.- To hire personnel from El Salvador, CENTA will propose the candidates to CATIE. To hire international staff, CATIE will propose the candidates to CENTA.

