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## *Cotton and Textiles – Important Factors for Economic Growth in Central Asia*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> International Cotton Conference in Tashkent**

An international cotton conference will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on May 24-25, 2005 in the Intercontinental Tashkent Hotel. The Government of Uzbekistan and the ICAC will organize the conference in cooperation with Cotlook Limited and the International Textile Manufacturers Federation. The conference will capitalize on the experiences of the two previous conferences held in Tashkent and attended by hundreds of participants: “Uzbekistan 2000” held in May 2000 and “COTTON: Engine for Economic Growth, UZBEKISTAN 2002” held in November 2002.

The conference theme will be *Cotton and Textiles – Important Factors for Economic Growth in Central Asia*.

Major topics will include:

- The current status and outlook for the world cotton market.
- Cotton industry developments in Uzbekistan and Central Asia.
- New technologies to produce cotton competitively.
- The role of private investment in cotton industry modernization and growth.
- Government efforts to facilitate privatization of Central Asian cotton and textile industries.
- The outlook for world textile trade.
- The impacts of ending quotas under the Multifiber Arrangement.
- The outlook for international investment in the development of the Uzbek textile industry.

Participants are asked to register for the Conference directly with the Conference Organizing Committee at the Agency for Foreign Economic Relations of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Details about the agenda, registration, fees, hotels, visas and contacts are available on the Agency and the ICAC websites: [www.mfer.uz](http://www.mfer.uz), [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).

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The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 42 governments of countries with an interest in cotton. The Secretariat of the Committee publishes information related to world cotton production, supply, demand and prices, and provides technical information on cotton production technology. Detailed statistics are found bimonthly in *COTTON: Review of the World Situation*, \$160 per year via email, \$190 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$250 per year and by fax for \$300. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$400 per year. Access Secretariat reports at [www.icac.org](http://www.icac.org).