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The Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use

65th PLENARY MEETING IN GOIÂNIA

The Inaugural Session of the 65th Plenary Meeting of the ICAC since 1939 will be held in three months. The theme of the 65th Plenary Meeting is *The Social and Environmental Impacts of Cotton Production and Use*. This theme will provide an opportunity for constructive evaluation of the impacts of cotton production and consideration of better management practices that lead to improved social and environmental conditions.

The meeting will be held during September 11-15, 2006 in Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil. The venue for the meeting will be the International Convention Center in Goiânia. The meeting will be hosted by the Government of Brazil in cooperation with the Brazilian cotton industry.

Topics for the meeting include:

1. Cotton Production: Efficiency and the Environment
2. Government Measures That Affect Cotton Production and Trade
3. Outlook for Cotton Supply and Use
4. Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC)
5. Technical Seminar: Sustainability: Biotechnology and Crop Management
6. The Future of the South American Textile Industry
7. Marketing and Quality of Brazilian Cotton
8. Standardization of Trade Rules
9. Price Risk Management for Cotton
10. Improving the Competitiveness of Brazilian Cotton
11. Demand Enhancement
12. Organic Cotton Production

Notices of the meeting and invitations have been sent to all governments, cotton industry associations and previous plenary meeting participants. Registration is available on-line at www.ICAC.org or by contacting the Secretariat for a registration booklet.

(Press releases are available via e-mail. To register for this free service, go to the ICAC web page at <http://www.icac.org/netforms/icac/lists/subscriptionform.html>)

The International Cotton Advisory Committee is an association of 41 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*, \$170 per year via email, \$210 per year in hard copy. A monthly outlook is available by email for \$265 per year. Access to the latest weekly estimates of world cotton supply and use by the Secretariat is available on the Internet for \$420 per year. Access Secretariat reports at www.icac.org.