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To: Delegates to the Standing Committee, Coordinating Agencies and Members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel

From: Executive Director

Subject: Nominations for Members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel

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Nominations for membership on the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP) for the period from the end of the 63rd Plenary Meeting in Mumbai to the 64th Plenary Meeting in Liverpool, are needed by September 10, 2004. The last meeting of the Standing Committee scheduled prior to the plenary meeting will be held on September 21, 2004.

Annex I to SC-M-440 establishing the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP) stipulates that Panel membership shall be reviewed by the Standing Committee prior to each plenary meeting with the view of ensuring the ongoing relevance and commitment of its members. The tenure of each member of the Panel is one year, and a regular change over in Panel membership is expected. However, the terms of members may be renewed if agreed to by the Standing Committee. Membership should be inclusive of all facets of the world cotton industry, including representatives of producers, processors and marketers of cotton and representatives of developing and developed countries.

On several occasions, members of the PSAP have urged all ICAC countries to actively recruit representatives from their private sectors for service on the PSAP in coming years.

Member countries are invited to nominate experts from their country, or from other member countries, to participate on the Panel. Countries should send nominations to Standing Committee delegates in Washington to be forwarded to the Secretariat. There is no limit to the size of the Panel, except that there may be no more than one member from each country.

Panel members serve at their own expense. PSAP members will be asked to come to Mumbai for the 63rd Plenary Meeting November 29-December 3, 2004 and to Liverpool for the 64th Plenary Meeting September 25-29, 2005. The Panel is free to meet independently of the Standing Committee if it so chooses, and a meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in May 2005 is a possibility.

The work of the PSAP is contributing substantially and specifically to the effectiveness of the ICAC. On the basis of recommendations from the PSAP, the Secretariat has created a business plan resulting in additional resources. The Committee has established a rotation of host countries to ensure broad geographical representation and a rotation among producing and consuming countries. The Committee has created two expert panels on Biotechnology in Cotton, an Expert Panel on Ginning and an Expert Panel on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton. The Secretariat has become more active in sponsorship and organization of conferences and workshops as a result of recommendations from the PSAP. There has been increased focus on the subject of good trade practices as a result of concerns expressed by the PSAP. During the most recent year, recommendations from the PSAP that were implemented include a streamlining of the work plan of the Secretariat, support by the ICAC for the IFCP, changes in the format of plenary meetings to provide additional time for discussion of substantive matters, and the creation of expert panels on biotechnology in cotton and instrument testing of cotton.

Current members of the PSAP, with their number of years of service in brackets, are:

Mr. Amin Ahmed Abaza, Chairman, Arabia Ginning Co. (4 years – 2000-2004)

Mr. John Accas, General Manager, Accas Group of Companies (5 years – 1999-2004)

Mr. Romano Bonadei, Advisor, Filartex Spa. (5 years – 1999-2004)

Mr. Ray Butler, Chief Editor and Managing Director, Cotlook Ltd. (3 years – 2001-2004)

Mrs. Christine Campbell, Executive Chairman, TWYNAM Agricultural Group- Australian Cotton Industry Council Ltd. (1 year – 2003-2004)

Dr. Sebahattin Gazanfer, Member Executive Board, Aegean Textile & Raw Material (4 years – 2000-2004)

Mr. Isidor Gilan, President, Primatex Fibre Corporation (3 years – 2001-2004)

Mr. Akbarali Hashwani, Chair KCA Landmark Spinning Industries (pvt) Ltd. (1 year – 2003-2004)

Mr. Andrew Macdonald, Consultant, Santista Textil S. A. (4 years – 2000-2004)

Mr. P. D. Patodia, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Prime Textiles Ltd. (2 years – 2002-2004)

Mr. Robert Weil, Chairman, Weil Brothers Cotton Inc. (1 year – 2003-2004)