



# INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Aide Memoire

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

**From:** Executive Director

**Subject:** Nomination of Standing Committee Officers for 2008-09

**Date:** June 17, 2008

A nominating committee met today in the Embassy of Argentina in Washington to propose a slate of officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China (Taiwan) and Tanzania and the executive director attended the meeting. Ms. Cecilia Marincioni, Delegate of Argentina and Chair of the Standing Committee, served as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Rules and Regulations specify that when practicable, the First Vice Chair will be nominated to succeed the outgoing Chair and the Second Vice Chair nominated to succeed the First Vice Chair. The current First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr. Jacob Pasgo, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Burkina Faso, will be able to serve as Chair next year. The current Second Vice Chair, Mr. Ashraf El-Rabiey, Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of Bureau, Embassy of Egypt, will be able to serve as First Vice Chair. Accordingly, there was a consensus to nominate Mr. Pasgo as Chair and Mr. El-Rabiey as First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee.

The Rules and Regulations say that the election of officers should take into account:

1. Rotation on as broad a geographical basis as possible,
2. Adequate representation to importing and exporting countries, and
3. Ability, interest and participation in the work of the Committee.

After consideration of these factors, the Nominating Committee agreed that Mr. Azmat Ali Ranjha, Minister (Trade), Embassy of Pakistan, should be nominated to the post of Second Vice Chair. Mr. Ranjha and his assistant regularly attended Standing Committee meetings during the past year. Pakistan is an important cotton producing, consuming and importing country, and it has been more than a decade since a delegate of Pakistan served on the Standing Committee.

The nominations of Mr. Pasgo as Chair, Mr. El -Rabiey as First Vice Chair and Mr. Ranjha as Second Vice Chair will be forwarded to the Standing Committee for provisional approval at its next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2008 in the Embassy of India. The recommendations of the Standing Committee will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee in Ouagadougou for final approval.