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Memorandum 848

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

From: Executive Director

Subject: Manfred Schiefer Nominated to Serve on CSITC

Date: April 21, 2008

The government of the United States has nominated Mr. Manfred Schiefer to serve on the Task Force on Commercial Standardization of Instrument Testing of Cotton (CSITC). Mr. Schiefer is President of M. Schiefer Trading Company in Lubbock, Texas, USA. He began his career in the cotton industry in Bremen, Germany and came to the U.S. in the 1960s. He formed his own cotton merchandising company in the 1980s and has much practical experience in the evaluation of cotton quality in commercial transactions.

Mr. Schiefer will succeed Mr. John Mitchell of Cargill who has served on the CSITC since its inception in December 2003.

The Task Force on CSITC was formed based on an instruction of the 62nd Plenary Meeting in Poland in 2003. CSITC is facilitating the adoption of universal instrument testing standards and procedures by all testing centers around the world. CSITC is also working to introduce the use of instrument testing language in the trading of cotton so that traditional descriptions of grade or type are replaced with instrument test values. The members of the panel represent both exporters and importers and all segments of the world cotton industry.

Consistent with customary practice during periods in which no Standing Committee meetings are scheduled, the nomination of Mr. Schiefer is being circulated to the Standing Committee. If there are no objections received within 10 days (Wednesday, April 30, 2008), the nomination to the Task Force on CSITC will be considered approved. A full roster of CSITC members is attached.

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