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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Meeting of the Task Force on Better Cotton Initiative

Monday

May 5, 2008

(Previously announced for May 7 but changed due to conflicting commitments)

11:00 AM

Office of the Task Force Chairman

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The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) is a voluntary program to mobilize public and private resources in partnership to assist the cotton industry in improving production practices. The BCI aims to promote measurable improvements in environmental and social impacts of cotton cultivation worldwide.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the BCI participated in the 491st Meeting of the Standing Committee in February. Following those discussions, the executive director and the officers of BCI have consulted on a Draft Memorandum of Understanding that details the specific means by which ICAC and BCI can collaborate so as to work toward common goals.

The Task Force on BCI (formerly called Task Force on BCI Partnership) will be asked to consider the draft MoU.

All members of the Standing Committee are automatically eligible to serve on any task force or committee. Participation in the Task Force on BCI will contribute to an understanding of sustainability issues. Dr. Sipiwe Mkhize of South Africa serves as Chair of the Task Force on BCI.

A provisional agenda for May 5 follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Consideration of the Draft MoU between ICAC and BCI
3. Other Matters

Attachments:

- Cover letter from the Chair and Vice Chair of BCI
- Draft Memorandum of Understanding