

**Country Report**  
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Gentlemen, chairpersons of the session  
Ladies and gentlemen, heads of delegations

On behalf of my government, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the State of India for its generous invitation and wonderful organization of the 81st plenary meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee. I also extend my congratulations to Mr. Eric Trashtenberg on his selection as Executive Director of the Committee

I extend my thanks to the organizing committee, the secretariat, the members of the delegations and the interpretation.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Egypt only produces extra-long cotton, and an area of 100,000 hectares was cultivated this year, and it is expected to produce 85,000 tons of lint cotton this year.

Egypt participates in many international initiatives for cotton sustainability, such as BCI and Cotton Connect and Organic Cotton Production.

Domestic consumption in the previous season represented 12% of production, and it is expected that local consumption will increase to reach 40% during the next three years.

As a result of the Egyptian state's plan to develop the cotton ginning sector and add new factories for spinning, weaving, and ready-made clothing manufacturing. Four new gins have been added, representing the best of Indian technology in the field of ginning, in addition to a number of spinning and weaving factories that represent the best European textile technology.

Cotton exports in the previous season amounted to about 92 thousand tons, and the country of India occupies the largest share of Egyptian cotton exports at a rate of approximately 50%, then Pakistan at 16%, China at 15%, and Bangladesh. It is worth noting that Egyptian cotton is exported to 21 countries. Egypt imports about 140,000 tons of medium-length cotton

Finally, I extend my thanks and appreciation once again to the honorable audience