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Recommendation from the Standing Committee to the 81st Plenary Meeting of the

International Cotton Advisory Committee

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Several hybrid meetings of the ICAC Nominating Committee were held on 26 June 2023, 19 September 2023, and 17 November 2023 to propose the officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, European Union, South Africa, Taiwan, Russia, Pakistan, and the United States participated to the 26 June 2023 meeting. Delegates from Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, European Union, Pakistan, Russia, Taiwan, United States, and Zambia participated to the 19 September 2023 meeting. Delegates from Bangladesh, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Taiwan and the USA participated to the 17 November 2023 meeting. Without a quorum in that last meeting, the delegates were invited to send their objections to the only nominee by close of business day 20th November 2023. H.E.M. Aly Touré served as Chair to all three Nominating Committee meetings.

The Rules and Regulations specify that when practical, the Vice Chair will be nominated to succeed the outgoing Chair. However, as of 26 June 2023, Pakistan was \$162,865 in arrears, which exceeded one year of assessment fees. Consequently, the Delegate of Pakistan was ineligible for nomination as a Standing Committee officer. Prior to the meeting and during the Nominating Committee meeting, no Delegates expressed interest for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for 2023-24. Therefore, there was consensus among all the Member States attending the meeting to confirm the nomination of HEM Ambassador Aly Touré as the Chairman of the Standing Committee for 2023-24, extending his terms for one more year. Mr Patrick Packet remains the Immediate Past Chair for 2023-24.

The Rules and Regulations say that the election of officers should consider:

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

Without any objections to the nomination of Dr. Md. Fakhre Alam Ibne Tabib, Delegate from Bangladesh, at the position of Vice-Chair, the Standing Committee proposes the following slate of officers of the Standing Committee for the period from the end of the 81st Plenary Meeting in 2023 to the end of the 82nd Plenary Meeting in 2024:

- H.E.M. Aly Touré, Ambassador-Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to International Commodity Organizations, Côte d'Ivoire, as Chair
- Dr. Md. Fakhre Alam Ibne Tabib, Executive Director of the Cotton Development Board, Ministry of agriculture, Bangladesh, as Vice Chair
- Mr Patrick Packnett, Deputy Administrator – Office of Global Analysis, USDA-FAS, USA, as Immediate Past Chair.