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CLOSING PLENARY SESSION TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 16:00 to 16:30

Acting Chair: Mr Patrick Packnett, USA

The Acting Chair opened the session with a call for countries to volunteer as hosts for the 82nd Plenary Meeting, highlighting the importance and benefits of hosting such a significant event for the global cotton industry. He expressed his gratitude to the government of India and the Organising Committee for their excellent work as hosts of the first in-person Plenary Meeting since the onset of Covid-19. The Acting Chair praised India's hospitality and rich cultural exposure provided to the delegates. He emphasised the critical challenges faced by the global cotton sector, including climate change and the demand for sustainable and traceable production, and acknowledged the importance of global collaboration in addressing these issues.

Mr Packnett applauded the successful and informative Plenary Session and thanked the Organising Committee and Government of India for their hospitality. He also extended thanks to all the delegates for their participation in the meeting.

Closing comments were also made by Textile Commissioner and Chair of the Organising Committee, Ms Roop Rashi. She thanked the Ministry and other supporting organisations, emphasising that the collaborative strength of the cotton textile value chain held the potential for future opportunities, despite the present challenges.

Meeting was adjourned at 16:30 hrs.

Summary Paragraph

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Organising Committee, Ms Roop Rashi, said that the collaborative strength of the cotton textile value chain offered hope for future opportunities despite the current challenges.