



2ND MEETING OF PSAC's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7TH February 2023

8 a.m. Washington DC time

MEETING NOTES

- **Executive Committee members who attended the meeting: -**

- ❖ Merchants committee
 - Chair: - Cliff White from Australian Cotton Shippers Association
 - Vice Chair: - Ahmed Elbosaty from Alexandria Cotton Exporters Association
 - Third representative: - Peter Wakefield from International Cotton Association
- ❖ Brands Committee
 - Vice Chair: - Claudia Hagedorn from Bremen Cotton Exchange
- ❖ Producers Committee
 - Chair: - Francisco from AAM - Associação Algodoeira de Moçambique
 - Vice Chair: - Marc Lewkowitz from Supima
 - Third Representative: - John King from American Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA)
- ❖ Textiles Committee
 - Chair: - Anees Khawaja from All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA)
 - Vice Chair: - Rajkumar from CITI was represented by Ms. Chandrima
 - Third Representative: - Mark Sussman from Taiwan Technical Textiles Association

ICAC Secretariat staff: -

- Caroline Taco (Executive Director Ad Interim)
- Parkhi Vats (Commodity Trade Analyst)
- Mike McCue (Director of Communications)
- Lorena Ruiz (Economist)

1. Apologies

- Nate Herman couldn't attend the meeting.

2. Meeting notes from the previous meeting for approval

- Doc 1 (Meeting Notes of the 1st PSAC's Executive Committee meeting)



- Meeting notes from the previous meeting was approved to be published on the website.
- For future it was agreed that the notes will be circulated immediately after the meeting for approval through emails and then will be posted on the ICAC website.

3. Peter's address to the EC committee members

- Doc 7 – Detailed minutes of the PSAC session at the Plenary meeting
- Doc 8 - PSAC final statement
- Doc 9 – Final ICAC Plenary statement
- Mr. Wakefield informed the committee members that Kai has left ICAC and that the ICAC now has a new ad-interim Executive Director - Ms. Caroline Taco.

Decisions made under this Agenda Item: -

- It was decided to put the discussions about the Global Cotton Coordinator on the next meeting's agenda.

It was decided to circulate and publish on the ICAC website a summary of the steering committee final approved statement following the PSAC presentation to the Plenary, to advise that the PSAC had received a letter from the EU and that following receipt of this letter the PSAC shall initiate consultation work with the EU and all member Governments on the subjects in question.

- For the same, it was decided that the PSAC will put the following 2 points to the ICAC Standing Committee in the upcoming Standing Committee meeting scheduled for 2nd March 2023: -
 - PSAC will approach the ICAC Standing Committee to have a clarity on how the PSAC can disseminate information in future: - Would the ICAC Standing Committee want to approve every document that the committee further circulates or can the PSAC Executive Committee go ahead and circulate documents on their own. e.g., publish committee meeting minutes on the ICAC website within 2 weeks of the meeting having taken place. (This document being an example)
 - Further, a document will be presented to the ICAC Standing Committee giving a brief about the PSAC's scheduled work in 2023 so that they are not taken by surprise during the PSAC session at the ICAC Plenary Meetings and are in loop with the PSAC work throughout the year.



4. Caroline's address to the EC committee members

She highlighted that the Secretariat continues to work without any interruptions. ICAC has started the i4AG project in collaboration with CIRAD and GIZ and is closing a successful project in Zambia. The timeline for the new ED, realistically, is the beginning of July. Currently, the ICAC is looking at options for the 2023 PM which will be in person in one of ICAC's Member countries. Several locations are being considered and the discussion is open. There will also be a trade show. The ICAC Plenary Meeting provides a platform that allows interactions between all stakeholders and you are welcome to join us. The announcement will come soon. Just like the past years, the PSAC will have a full session to discuss topics of great importance. The link between the PSAC and governments is vital. We need to nurture this organization and push forward the cooperation.

Decisions made under this Agenda Item: -

- It was decided that the PSAC organisations would further circulate the ICAC Executive Director vacancy for better exposure.
- It was decided that eventually a booklet for hosting trade shows at the ICAC Plenary Meeting will be distributed amongst the PSAC members to help them participate in the meeting.

5. Follow up on the EU/ German policies (Objective I)

- Document 2 letter to EU
- Document 3 EU' reply
- Document 4 Draft reply
- It was decided that the ICAC Secretariat will draft the first version of the letter to the EU, including comments from the PSAC Chair. This letter will then be circulated to the PSAC's EC members for putting in their comments. Upon approval, this letter will be sent to the EU from the "PSAC Executive Committee".
- It was also decided that going forward, agenda items will be added to the ICAC Standing Committee meetings as an 'update from the PSAC'. Therefore, for the next ICAC Standing committee meeting scheduled for March, the PSAC will provide a summary document and Peter will present the standing committee updates on the PSAC work.

Suggestion given by the members that should be included in the letter: -

- The letter has two separate points – one about the format and the second about the contents. There is a need to separate those completely. PSAC should reply to the EU regarding the format which is in the second paragraph. PSAC should formally



explain, if PSAC thinks we are right then PSAC should comment on that and if PSAC is wrong then it should apologize, recognize and move forward. This will allow PSAC to continue discussing the contents.

6. Suggested ideas for 2023 objectives (Objective II): -

- It was decided that the list of objectives should be circulated individually in the Permanent Committees and the comments should be collected from each Committee regarding their most preferred topic for discussions in 2023. This will then be debated in the 3rd PSAC EC meeting.

7. Objective III

- It was decided that all the three suggested ideas will become individual objectives that each committee can work on throughout the year.

8. World Cotton Day

ICAC has begun conversations with organizations and the plan is to do something together in person every 4 years. This is year 4. The PSAC is going to be in the center of the WCD. Think and consider that PSAC is going to have an opportunity to have their voice heard. ICAC will update the PSAC once there is more information to share.

9. Date and time of next meeting

Tentatively it is decided that the Committee will meet on 14th March 2023.