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ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Recommendation from the Standing Committee to the 61st Plenary Meeting of the

INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cairo, Egypt

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The nominating committee met on June 18, 2002 in the office of the Secretariat to propose a slate of officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from China (Taiwan), Colombia, Nigeria and the Philippines, and the executive director, were in attendance. Mr. Hsin-hua (James) Wu of China (Taiwan) was elected as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Rules and Regulations specify that when practicable, the First Vice Chair be nominated to succeed the outgoing Chair and the Second Vice Chair be nominated to succeed the First Vice Chair. The current First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee, Mr. Ajai Malhotra of India, will be able to serve as Chair next year, and the current Second Vice Chair, Ms. Chigozie Obi-Nnadozie of Nigeria, will be able to serve as First Vice Chair. Accordingly, there was a consensus to nominate Mr. Malhotra as Chair and Ms. Obi-Nnadozie as First Vice Chair of the Standing Committee next year.

The Rules and Regulations say that the election of officers should take into account:

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

After consideration of these factors, the Nominating Committee agreed that Mr. Luc Devolder, Minister-Counselor (Economic), Embassy of Belgium, should be nominated as Second Vice Chair. Mr. Devolder participates actively in the meetings of the Standing Committee, and he serves on the Subcommittee on Budget. Mr. Devolder represents an importing country. Accordingly, the Chair found that there was a consensus to nominate Mr. Devolder as Second Vice Chair of the Standing Committee during 2002-03.

The Standing Committee accepted the recommendations of the Nominating Committee at its 461st meeting on July 23, 2002.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee proposes the following slate of officers to the Plenary Meeting for the coming year:

- Mr. Ajai Malhotra of India for the post of Chair
- Ms. Chigozie Obi-Nnadozie of Nigeria for the post of First Vice Chair
- Mr. Luc Devolder of Belgium for the post of Second Vice Chair