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ICAC Seminar on Cotton Price Volatility

A seminar on the topic of “Cotton Price Volatility: Transparency of Cotton Supply and Use and Trade Policies”, will be held on February 8, 2011 at The World Bank, room MC13-121, in Washington DC.

The objectives of the seminar are to explore the underlying reasons for cotton price volatility, to encourage the collection and publication of timely, relevant and accurate statistics on cotton supply and use, to encourage standardization of the reporting of cotton statistics, to place special emphasis on the responsibility of governments to collect and publish data on physical stocks, and to encourage transparency and predictability in government policies and programs that affect the cotton sector.

Participants will include members of the ICAC Standing Committee, representatives of other embassies in Washington, and representatives of universities, government agencies, international organizations and non-government organizations.

A Background paper will be distributed by the Secretariat prior to the seminar. The Background paper will include a report on recent movements in cotton prices, a review of discussions at the ICAC Plenary Meeting and within the Standing Committee, and a summary of the history of international efforts to reduce cotton and commodity price volatility since the 1950s.

Participation in the Seminar is complementary, but all participants must register in advance for ease of entry to The World Bank. Registration is available at www.ICAC.org, click on the button for *Seminar: Cotton Price Volatility*.

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