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70TH PLENARY MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Buenos Aires and Ciudad Presidente Roque Sáenz Peña, Argentina September 4-10, 2011

Public and Private Sector Roles in the Cotton Value Chain: Ensuring Both Efficiency and Fairness

H.E. Julián Domínguez, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Government of Argentina has issued an invitation to the International Cotton Advisory Committee to hold its 70th Plenary Meeting in Buenos Aires, the capital city of Argentina, and in Presidente Roque Sáenz Peña, the center of Argentine cotton production in the Province of Chaco. The meeting will be held from 4-10 September 2011.

Minister Domínguez notes that cotton has a long history in Argentina. Cotton was produced by indigenous people prior to the Spanish conquest, and cotton fabrics were the first exports from Argentina on September 2, 1587.

In recent years, Argentina has been implementing a technological revolution in cotton production through the introduction of narrow-row planting, the use of biotechnology and the development of small cotton strippers. The interaction of national, provincial and municipal governments, together with the private sector, demonstrates responsible coordination within the cotton value chain to improve competitiveness, efficiency and fairness.

Formal invitations to the 70th Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) were sent to governments, cotton industry organizations and past plenary meeting participants in April and May, and registration for the 70th Plenary Meeting is underway. All those with an interest in cotton are welcome. Registration is available on-line at www.ICAC.org or by contacting the Secretariat for a registration booklet.

Complimentary travel by chartered flight to Ciudad de Presidente Roque Sáenz Peña, Province of Chaco, will be provided on Friday, September 9 with return on Saturday, September 10. Delegates will be invited to view no-till cotton planting, and an exhibition of machinery and supplies.

A Technical Tour will be offered on Saturday, September 10, including a visit to small-scale family farms in Colonia El Alba, Formosa Province, a visit to a high-technology farm in Gral. San Martín, Chaco Province, and a visit to an area of textile production in Puerto Tirol.

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