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## Memorandum 745

**To:** Delegates to the Standing Committee, Coordinating Agencies and Members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel

**From:** Executive Director

**Subject:** 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in 2005

**Date:** July 29, 2003

The Secretariat has received an official invitation from the Government of the United Kingdom to host the 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Liverpool, England between Sunday 25 September and Thursday 29 September 2005. The annual Liverpool Cotton Dinner in 2005 is scheduled for Friday 30 September. It is expected that the scheduling of a plenary meeting in conjunction with the Liverpool Dinner will provide economies in travel costs and organization that will lead to increased participation in both.

Liverpool is the historical heart of world cotton trading and remains an important center of cotton trade and trade servicing activity. The Liverpool Cotton Association serves as Secretariat to the Committee for International Co-operation between Cotton Associations (CICCA), and member firms of the LCA include many of the most important firms in world cotton trade. Holding the plenary meeting in the UK during 2005 will maintain the rotation among cotton exporting and importing countries.

This invitation has been anticipated. At the most recent meeting of the Working Group on Plenary Meeting Venues in January 2002, there was a consensus to recommend that the invitation from the Government of the UK to host the 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in 2005 should be accepted. Accordingly, the invitation from the UK will be presented to the Advisory Committee in Gdansk for approval.



The Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt MP  
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*Dear Dr Townsend,*

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It is my great pleasure, on behalf of her Majesty's Government, to formally extend an invitation to the International Cotton Advisory Committee and its Member Governments to hold the 64<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Liverpool, England between 25 and 29 September 2005.

Liverpool has a very long historic association with cotton trade. As you may know the City was recently selected as the UK's nomination to be the European Capital of Culture in 2008. The City celebrates the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Charter in 2007. All this makes Liverpool an ideal venue for your Plenary meeting.

I sincerely hope that the event is a success.

*Yours sincerely,*

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