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

From: Executive Director

Subject: Plenary Meeting Documents Mailed Today

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The 62nd Plenary Meeting will begin one month from today with preliminary meetings and Registration at the Mercure Hevelius Gdansk Hotel. Preparations for the meeting are nearly complete. The Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy and the Gdynia Cotton Association are organizing the meeting on behalf of the Government of Poland, and the organizing committee is doing an excellent job with logistics and preparations.

Twenty private firms are assisting the Organizing Committee as sponsors of the 62nd Plenary Meeting. Gold sponsors include Cottonex Anstalt, Rieter AG, and Textilimpex Ltd. Silver sponsors are: AZPB Andropol S.A., Cargo Control Germany, Cotton Outlook, Larchmont Capital, Otto Stadlander GmbH, Plexus Cotton Limited, Pomeranian Special Economic Zone, Reinhart AG, Zawiercie Spinning Mill, and Zwoltex Group. Other sponsors include C. Harwig S.A., Martex Marian Wojcicki, Polontex S.A., SGS Polska Ltd., Weil Brothers & Stern Ltd. Wi-ma S.A. and Trutzschler GmbH & Co. KG. The support of private sponsors is highly appreciated and helps to reinforce the role of the ICAC as an international commodity body representing the interests of all segments of the world cotton industry.

In addition, Cotlook Ltd., publisher of *Cotton Outlook*, and Meister Publishing Company, publisher of *Cotton International*, are preparing special editions for the meeting. These special editions broaden the information content of plenary meetings and heighten the stature of the ICAC.

Meeting documents are being posted today, including the Proposed Agenda, reports of the Chair of the Standing Committee and the Executive Director, a report from the Secretariat on Production & Trade Policies Affecting the Cotton Industry, a report from the Secretariat on World Cotton Trade, and three working papers on the subjects of election of officers, proposed changes in the Rules and Regulations and the 2004 technical seminar.

Registration for the meeting is now more than 200 people, and given the usual pattern, total participation of approximately 400 is expected. The Organizing Committee, on behalf of the Government of Poland, extends its welcome to all participants in the 62nd Plenary Meeting, and the Secretariat looks forward to seeing all participants next month in Poland.