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

From: Executive Director

Subject: Nomination of Standing Committee Officers for 2004-05

Date: June 2, 2004

A nominating committee met on June 2, 2004 in the office of the Secretariat to propose a slate of officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from Belgium, Egypt, Nigeria, Paraguay, Spain, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe and the executive director were in attendance. Ms. Elena Cores of Spain was elected Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Rules and Regulations specify that when practicable, the First Vice Chair will be nominated to succeed the outgoing Chair and the Second Vice Chair nominated to succeed the First Vice Chair. The current First Vice Chair ad interim of the Standing Committee, Mr. Bakhtiyar Ibragimov, Counsellor, Trade and Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan will be able to serve as Chair next year. Accordingly, there was a consensus to nominate Mr. Ibragimov as Chair. Currently, the position of Second Vice Chair is vacant.

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. Siphwe Mkhize, Agricultural Attaché, Embassy of South Africa should be nominated as First Vice Chair. Mr. Mkhize participates actively in the meetings of the Standing Committee and represents a consuming country. A delegate from South Africa has not previously served as an officer of the Standing Committee.

Further, the Nominating Committee agreed that Ms. Elena Cores, Attaché (Agriculture), Embassy of Spain, should be nominated to serve as Second Vice Chair. Mr. Cores has attended each Standing Committee meeting during the most recent two years and represents a producing country.

Accordingly, the Chair found that there was a consensus to nominate Mr. Bakhtiyar Ibragimov as Chair, Mr. Siphwe Mkhize as First Vice Chair and Ms. Elena Cores as Second Vice Chair of the Standing Committee during 2004-05. These nominations will be forwarded to the Standing Committee for provisional approval at its next meeting. The recommendations of the Standing Committee will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee in Mumbai for final approval.