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

From: Executive Director

Subject: International Conference in Tashkent

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The date of the international cotton conference in Tashkent, Uzbekistan has been rescheduled to May 24-25, 2005. These new dates will not conflict with other cotton industry events.

The conference is being organized by the Government of Uzbekistan and the ICAC Secretariat in cooperation with Cotlook Limited, publishers of Cotton Outlook. The conference will capitalize on the experiences of the two previous successful conferences held in Tashkent and attended by hundreds of participants: "Uzbekistan 2000" held in May 2000 and "COTTON: Engine for Economic Growth, UZBEKISTAN 2002" held in November 2002. It is envisioned that international conferences will be held in Tashkent, regularly during May on a biennial basis in odd-numbered years.

The conference theme will be *Cotton and Textiles – Important Factors of Economic Growth in Central Asia*.

Registration information and details of the agenda for the conference will be provided during January and February 2005.