



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

493rd MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

The 493rd Meeting of the Standing Committee will be held at **10:00 AM** on May 29, 2008. The location will be the **Embassy of Brazil**, 3006 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008. Refreshments will be served from 9:30 am. Limited on street parking beside the embassy is available.

A provisional agenda follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. World Cotton Situation
 - a) Report from the Secretariat: World Cotton Situation (Attachment I*)
 - b) Update on the Cotton Provisions of the U.S. Farm Bill
3. Subsidies, Tariffs and Quotas Affecting Production and Trade in Cotton
 - a) Report from the Secretariat (Attachment III*)
 - b) Written report submitted by the WTO Secretariat on developments in the Doha Round (letter*)
 - c) Discussion
4. Approval of the Secretariat Budget for 2008-09 (Attachment II)
5. Invitation from Uzbekistan to host the 69th Plenary Meeting (Memorandum 846)
6. Discussion of support for the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)
 - a) Report from the Task Force on BCI Partnership (Aide Memoire*)
 - b) Discussion
7. Other Matters
 - a) Review of Status of CFC Projects (Attachment IV*)
 - b) Countries in arrears in the payment of assessments (Attachment V*)
 - c) Other Matters

* Attachments to be sent at a later date

All attachments and supporting papers are placed on the Internet at URL <http://www.icac.org/icac/delegates/scnotices/scnotices.html>, as soon as they are available.

Future Standing Committee Meetings:

May 19	Task Force on Better Cotton Initiative, office of the Minister (Agriculture) of South Africa
May 29	493 rd Meeting
June 17	Nominating Committee
June 26	494 th Meeting
October 7	495 th Meeting in Southern Virginia (date to be confirmed)
November 17-21	67 th Plenary Meeting in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso