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Recommendation from the Standing Committee to the 78th Plenary Meeting of the

International Cotton Advisory Committee

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The ICAC Nominating Committee met on 27 June, 2019, at the Office of the ICAC Secretariat, to propose the officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from Australia, Brazil, Egypt, European Union, India, Sudan, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Uganda and the United States participated. Mr. Ali Tahir served as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

The Rules and Regulations specify that when practical, the First Vice Chair will be nominated to succeed the outgoing Chair, and the Second Vice Chair be nominated to succeed the First Vice Chair.

The Chair found that there was a consensus to confirm the nominations of Ms. Maha A. Zakaria, Egypt (Counsellor, Economic and Commercial Office, Embassy of Egypt, current First Vice Chair) as Chair, and Mr. Selman Kurt (Foreign Trade Specialist, Embassy of Turkey, current Second Vice Chair) as First Vice Chair, from the end of the 78th Plenary Meeting in Brisbane to the end of the 79th Plenary Meeting in Spain.

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.
3. Ability, interest and participation in the work of the Committee.
4. Timely payment of assessments.

The nominations received provisional approval from the Standing Committee at its Nominating Committee Meeting on 27 June, 2019.

At Standing Committee Meeting 561, Delegates agreed to move to a system in which Delegates would be elected to the position of 1st Vice Chair and then Chair, then remain as an Officer as Immediate Past Chair. This will take effect from the end of the 79th Plenary Meeting in 2020.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee proposes the following officers to the Plenary Meeting for the period from the end of the 78th Plenary Meeting in 2019 to the end of the 79th Plenary Meeting in 2020:

Ms. Maha Zakaria, Egypt, as Chair
Mr. Selman Kurt, Turkey, as First Vice Chair
Mr. Anshul Sharma, India, as the Second Vice Chair