



# ICAC 77th Plenary Meeting

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Recommendation from the Standing Committee to the 77<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting of the

### **International Cotton Advisory Committee**

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The ICAC Nominating Committee met on 22 May, 2018, at the Office of the ICAC Secretariat, to propose the officers for the Standing Committee for the coming year. Delegates from Egypt, European Union, India, Pakistan, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United States participated. Ms. Claudia Fontana Tobiassen, Chair of the Standing Committee, agreed to serve 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 nominated to succeed the First Vice Chair.

The Chair found that there was a consensus to confirm the nominations of Mr. Ali Tahir (Minister of Trade, Embassy of Pakistan, current First Vice Chair) as Chair, and Ms. Maha Zakaria (Counsellor, Economic and Commercial Office, Embassy of Egypt, current Second Vice Chair) as First Vice Chair, from the end of the 77<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Côte d'Ivoire to the end of the 78<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in Australia.

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.

After consideration of these factors, the Nominating Committee agreed that Mr. Selman Kurt, Foreign Trade Specialist, Embassy of Turkey, should be nominated to serve as Second Vice Chair.

The nominations received provisional approval from the Standing Committee at its 555<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 7 June, 2018.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee proposes the following officers to the Plenary Meeting for the period from the end of the 77<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in 2018 to the end of the 78<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting in 2019:

Mr. Ali Tahir, Pakistan, for Chair  
Ms. Maha Zakaria, Egypt, for First Vice Chair  
Mr. Selman Kurt, Turkey, for Second Vice Chair