



## 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON COTTON IDENTITY PROGRAMS (TFCIP)

Attendees: Mark Messura (Chair, Delegate of IFCP), Denilson Galbero Guedes (Vice-Chair, Delegate of Brazil), Peter Ottesen (Delegate of Australia), Elke Hortmeyer (Delegate of Germany), Norberto Mahalambe (Delegate of Mozambique), Jens Soth (Delegate of Switzerland), James Johnson (Delegate of the United States), Allan Williams (Delegate of SEEP), Andrew MacDonald (Delegate of ITMF), La Rhea Pepper (Delegate of Organic Cotton), Patrick Laine (Delegate of BCI).

Secretariat: Alejandro Plastina, Rafiq Chaudhry

The meeting was observed by a dozen delegates, and it was held at the Cartagena Hilton Hotel, room Kalamary I, from 10:00 am to 11:05 am.

### Agenda:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Review of Task Force Objectives
3. Review of Draft Report
4. Further Actions
5. Consensus on Key Points

1. The proposed agenda was adopted. The Chair thanked the ICAC Secretariat for facilitating the communication among members and preparing the Draft Report.
2. The Objectives of the Task Force were reviewed.
3. Review of the Draft Report:
  - New data from CmiA and BCI was incorporated into the Draft Report circulated on September 25.
  - The Identity Programs noted that the level of detail requested in the survey used for the report was appropriate.
  - The report must clearly state that the data are self-reported by the Identity Programs, and that feedback from member countries about the accuracy of the data would be welcome.
  - The Revised Draft Report is attached.
4. Further actions:
  - Define "Identity Programs." Different ideas were discussed, noting that it is a difficult task, because there is no clear pattern that groups together Organic, Fairtrade, CmiA and BCI and separates them from other programs like myBMP, Egyptian Cotton, or SuPima. These four programs are multi-faceted and pursue different goals. It was recalled that the creation of this Task Force originated in the need for ICAC member countries to have a better understanding of what makes this programs different from conventional cotton, and to avoid negative communications that hurt the overall cotton sector. There was disagreement on referring to the Identity Programs as marketing programs. It was noted that the denomination of cotton from some Identity Programs has a legal dimension in several countries (e.g. the term 'organic' is regulated by law in the USA, Japan, the EU). It was suggested that a definition related to third party certification or verification could be crafted.

- Scope of the Task Force: it was suggested that other Identity Programs be invited to participate in the Task Force. Depending on guidance provided by the Advisory Committee, after finishing a report on the four major programs, multinational programs first and national programs second could be invited to participate.
- The Revised Draft Report would be distributed among the Members of this Task Force as an attachment to these minutes, and the final report will be uploaded to the web page of the ICAC Plenary Meeting after being presented to the Plenary Meeting.

End of notes.