



## **Membership of the Private Sector Advisory Panel – Extension of Deadline for Nominations**

### **Background**

1. The Executive Director presents his compliments and wishes to inform Members and members of the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP) that the terms of office of the members of the PSAP expired on June 30, 2015.
2. In accordance with the procedures provided for in the founding documents approved by the Standing Committee in June 1999, Members may wish to consult the PSAP representatives nominated for 2014/15 to see if they would be willing to be nominated for a further year, from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, and/or to suggest alternative representatives and alternates as appropriate. PSAP representatives are likewise invited to indicate to their Member Governments their willingness to be reappointed.
3. The PSAP was created in 1999, and the Inaugural Meeting of the PSAP was held in June 1999. According to the founding documents approved by the Standing Committee, the tenure of each member of the Panel is one year, and a regular changeover in Panel membership is expected. However, the terms of members may be renewed if agreed to by the Standing Committee. Membership should be inclusive of all facets of the world cotton industry, including representatives of producers, processors and marketers of cotton and representatives of developing and developed countries.
4. Coordinating Agencies and cotton industry organizations in all ICAC countries are encouraged to actively recruit representatives from their private sectors for service on the PSAP. Nominations should be sent via Standing Committee delegates in Washington DC to be forwarded to the Secretariat. There is no limit to the size of the Panel, except that there may be no more than one member from each country.
5. Panel members serve at their own expense. PSAP members are expected to participate in the 74<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting during December 2015 in Mumbai (India). The Panel is free to meet independently of the plenary meeting if it so chooses.
6. The work of the PSAP is contributing specifically to the effectiveness of the ICAC. On the basis of recommendations from the PSAP, the Secretariat created a business plan resulting in additional resources. The Secretariat has become more active in sponsorship and organization of conferences and workshops as a result of recommendations from the PSAP. There has been increased focus on the subject of good trade practices as a result of concerns expressed by the

PSAP. In recent years, recommendations from the PSAP resulted in a streamlining of the work plan of the Secretariat, support for the International Forum for Cotton Promotion (IFCP), and changes in the format of plenary meetings to provide additional time for discussion of cotton matters. An Open Session on contract sanctity was introduced into the agenda of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Meeting at the specific request of the PSAP.

7. The PSAP is an important forum for suggestions regarding management of the ICAC and serves as a source of new ideas for the work of the Committee.

8. In its 536<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held on 17 September 2015, the Standing Committee approved nominations received from Australia, Germany, Greece, Pakistan, Taiwan, Turkey and the USA. Delegates to the Standing Committee noted that nominations had only been received from seven of the 35 members of the organization. In view of the importance of the work of the PSAP, delegates decided to extend the deadline for submission of nominations.

### **Action**

9. Nominations for membership on the Private Sector Advisory Panel (PSAP) for 2015/16 are requested by **30 October 2015**. The nominations received will be considered by the Standing Committee at its 537<sup>th</sup> Meeting, scheduled for **5 November 2015**.

**Current members (2014/15) of the PSAP,  
with their number of years of service in brackets**

- Argentina:  
Mr. Jorge Eduardo Vartparonián, Chair of PSAP 2015, Cámara Algodonera  
(since 2008)
- Australia:  
Mr. Adam Kay, CEO, Cotton Australia Limited  
(since 2011)
- Brazil:  
Mr. João Luiz Ribas Pessa, Counselor to ABRAPA and AMPA  
(since 2005)
- Germany:  
Mr. Henning Hammer, Managing Director, Otto Stadtländer GMBH  
(since 2010)
- Greece:  
Mr. Antonios Siarkos, Vice-President PSAP 2015, Hellenic Cotton Association of Ginners and  
Exporters  
(since 2012)
- India:  
Mr. Suresh Kotak, Chairman, Kotak & Co. Pvt. Ltd.  
(since 1999, in 2008, and since 2011)
- Pakistan:  
Mr. Muhammad Atif Dada, Ex-Officio Member of the Executive Committee, The Karachi Cotton  
Association  
(since 2014)
- Poland:  
Mr. Alois Schönberger, President, Cottonex Anstalt  
(since 2008)
- Taiwan:  
Mr. Steven Shiou-Chung Chen, Chairman, Tah Tong Textile Co., Ltd.  
(since 2007)
- Turkey:  
Mr. Fatih Dogan, Vice President, Mediterranean Textile and Raw Materials Exporters Union  
(since 2014)
- USA:  
Mr. Allen Terhaar, Senior Advisor, Cotton Council International  
(since 2014)