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MINUTES

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

11:00hrs, Friday, 4 November 2016

Mr. Hassan Iqbal, of Pakistan, in the Chair

Reading of the Final Statement of the 75th Plenary Meeting

1. The CHAIR called the Closing Plenary Session to order and began the meeting by asking the Executive Director to read the Final Statement of the 75th Plenary Meeting, which is an integral part of these Proceedings. The delegate of BRAZIL took the floor to propose that, in the interests of time, the Statement should be considered as read. Seeing no objection, the CHAIR took the Final Statement as read.

Invitation from Uzbekistan, host of the 76th Plenary Meeting

2. The delegate of UZBEKISTAN thanked Members for their selection of his country as host of the 76th Plenary Meeting. On behalf of his government, he invited all ICAC delegates to taste the hospitality of Uzbekistan next year.

Closing Comments by India, host of the 74th Plenary Meeting

3. The delegate of INDIA thanked Pakistan for the warm welcome given to delegates and the excellent organization of the event. The Plenary had covered a wide range of topics of great importance to the world cotton sector and generated a fruitful exchange of ideas. She extended her best wishes to Uzbekistan in its role as host of the next Plenary and thanked the Secretariat for its hard work in organizing the event.

4. The delegate of PAKISTAN said that her country was honored by the presence of such distinguished guests and hoped that all of them had felt as if they were in their homes.

Closing Comments by Other Countries

5. The Executive Director thanked the Pakistani people for the warm welcome to ICAC delegates and expressed his appreciation to all the members of the Organizing Committee, who had provided excellent support during the preparation and execution of the event.



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Closing Comments by the Chair on behalf of Pakistan

6. Before his closing remarks, the CHAIR presented a plaque to Dr. Rafiq Chaudhry, Head of the Technical Information Section of the ICAC, in recognition of his distinguished services to the organization as this would be his last Plenary before retirement.

7. Dr. Chaudhry thanked the Organizing Committee for the recognition bestowed on him. He considered that the organization of the Plenary had been a great learning experience for the country and especially for the Pakistan Central Cotton Committee.

8. The CHAIR thanked all delegates and observers who had honored his country by attending the 75th Plenary. The agenda had addressed many pressing issues facing the world cotton sector and raised many ideas for concrete action over the coming year. He was sure that delegates would return to their capitals enriched by exchanges they had witnessed. He thanked the ICAC Secretariat for its inestimable assistance in the preparation of the event. The CHAIR concluded by thanking all the different Pakistani agencies and organizations involved in the organization and execution of the event. Although great effort had been required by all of them, the satisfaction with the results was even greater.

9. The CHAIR declared the 75th Plenary Meeting adjourned at 11:45 hrs.