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Call, 29 January 2013

The Council unanimously agreed that BCI in Pakistan be registered as an individual legal entity as soon as possible, with strong preference for a branch/liaison office, and if necessary in the interim, as an independent NGO.

Call, 27 February 2013

The Council unanimously approved to launch Better Cotton production in Turkey in 2013, on the basis of the Identification Stage report, subject to agreement by the BCI Council on the financial and organisational model in April'.

The Council unanimously approved the appointment of Chainpoint (Chainfood) as the IT provider for the Better Cotton Traceability System expansion and improvement.

Meeting, 16-18 April 2013

The Council approved the start-up of Better Cotton in Turkey.

The Standards and Assurance model was approved including:

- » Production Principles and Criteria 3.0
- » The Assurance Model performance matrix
- » New categorisation of farmers

The Council approved the Chain of Custody guidelines for mass balance administrative traceability.

The Council requested the formation of a task group to develop a Better Cotton demand strategy.

The Council agreed on the approach and framework of the volume based fee, and approved a base level fee for retailers and brands as well as a transition plan to the new operating model..

The Council approved London as the new location for the BCI head office from Jan 2016 onwards, noting that this does not automatically imply that the BCI Membership Association in Switzerland will no longer operate.

The Council approved registration of the BCI Pakistan office as an independent NGO.

The Council approved:

- » The suspension of Shanghai Shenan Textile Co Ltd for being listed on the ICA Default list, and Gulshan Spinning Mills due to group companies being listed on the ICA Default list.
- » The expulsion of 7 supply chain members for unpaid fees.
- » The BCI Audit Report 2012 and establishment of a 2013 Reserve of Euro 500,000
- » BCI's Membership of Sustainable Apparel Coalition.

Call, 8 May 2013

The Council agreed to establish a stable and secure budget to fund internal BCI partnership staffing, in order to enable partnerships to be formed in line with the global Better Cotton targets in advance of financing commitments from potential partners.

Call, 20 June 2013

Officer bearers were elected, in line with the by-laws, for the term 01.07.2013 to 30.06.2014. The outcome was:

- » Guido Verijke: Chair
- » Hammad Naqi Kahn: Vice-Chair
- » Leon Picon: Treasurer
- » Bilal Israel Khan: Secretary

Approval was given for a 50% BCI Membership fee waiver in 2013 for Solidaridad and WWF in recognition of their substantial in-kind contribution to BCI.

Call, 22 August 2013

The Council approved the 2013 Budget Review Report and Forecast Revision.

Meeting, 25 September 2013

The Council ratified the approach suggested by the Secretariat to increase uptake of Better Cotton via three key initiatives:

- 1) Increasing the number of retail members,
- 2) Increasing uptake among existing members, and
- 3) Improving the flow of Better Cotton through mid-stream suppliers.

A detailed implementation plan will be launched for 2014.

The Council authorized the Secretariat to create a Branch Office in India.