

# General Assembly, 28 June 2012, Istanbul

## Meeting Minutes

### Participants

Chair: Michael Kobori

Secretary: Bilal Israel Khan

Present:

Organisation	Represented by
<i>Associate Members (total 3)</i>	
CottonConnect	Susan Mc Donald
Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) S.A	Bruno Widmer
Textile Exchange	Hanna Denes
<i>Producers (total 4)</i>	
ABRAPA	Alvaro Dilli
AProCA	Djire Tata Coulibaly
Farmers Associates of Pakistan	Bilal Israel Khan
Guoxin	Hong Gu
<i>Civil Society (total 7)</i>	
Action for Social Advancement (ASA)	Ashis Mondal
AFPRO - Action For Food Production	D.K. Manavalan
Ambuja Cement Foundation	Dalsukh Vaghasiya
Cotton Incorporated	Janet Reed
PAN UK	Keith Tyrell
Solidaridad	Janet Mensink
WWF	Hammad Khan
<i>Retailers (total 16)</i>	
adidas	Philip Meister
Bestseller	Dorte Olsen
Decathlon SA - Natimeo	Nagy Bensid
George (ASDA)	Catherine Watkins
Hennes & Mauritz AB	Henrik Lampa
IKEA	Guido Verijke
Inditex SA	Sandra Castañeda-Elena
KappAhl Sverige AB	Eva Kindgren
Levi Strauss & Co.	Michael Kobori
Lindex	Ann Åström
Marks & Spencer	Mark Sumner
Migros	Daniel Kaelin
Nike	Ayce Ozgun

Sainsburys	Colin Bradford
Tchibo GmbH	Susanne Bösing
VF Europe bvba	Frank Opdenacker
<i>Suppliers and Manufacturers (total 26)</i>	
Alok Industries Ltd.	Jitender Kumar
Arvind Limited	Mahesh Ramakrishnan
Bimeco Garnhandel GmbH & Co. KG	Alois Busshaus
Birpas Birlık Pamuk A.S.	Baris Kocagoz
Bossa	Besim Ozek
Devcot	Benoit de Rouffignac
Ecom Cotton Group	David Rosenberg
ETF	Sabiha Akcay
Hantex	Aqeel Ahmed
Hero Fashion	Sundaramurthy Subramaniam
Hussain Mills Ltd.	Syed Waqas Khalil
ICT Cotton Limited	Giovanni Cerimedo
Louis Dreyfus Commodities	Guy Hogge
Maruti Oil Mills	Vinod Agarwal
Menderes Tekstil	Ahmet Goksan
NSL Textiles Ltd.	Ajay Kumar Paturi
Olam	Indranil Majumdar
Orta Anadolu	Leon Picon
Patel Cotton Industries	Sanjay Shah
Paul Reinhart AG	Marco Bänninger
Sanko	Nezih Nakıpoğlu
TRC Candiani	Elena Rossetti
Umer Group	Saqib Salim
Zorluteks	Mehmet Korukoglu
Arik Bey Tekstil	Ali Ulvi Karahan
Kipas Mensucat	Osman Ustundag

Proxies: no proxy was transmitted to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting.

## Quorum

More than 10% of the approved members of each category at the date of the meeting were present at the General Assembly meeting.

## Agenda

The following agenda was approved by the General Assembly:

09:00 - 09:30	Opening General Assembly Approval of agenda
09:30 – 11:15	Voting Statutes changes and 2012 election process

	Council election
11:15 – 11:30	Result of Council election Closing GA

The participants were advised that the following topics were not to be discussed: prices, market share, customer allocation, or anything that could be construed as limiting competition.

## Amendments to the Statutes and 2012 election

The General Assembly approved the following proposals:

(For Amendments to the Statutes please refer to the revised version of the Statutes in Annex).

Amendment of Statutes 1: Broaden the definition of the Associate members category.

Amendment of Statutes 2: Make the Secretariat responsible for membership approval with possibility of appeal to Council.

Amendment of Statutes 3: Amend Council election process, incl. increase Council mandates' length and periodicity of GA.

2012 election process. To successfully transition to the new Council election process approved, the 2012 will be carried out as follows:

First round election – each 4 membership categories (caucuses) will each elect an existing Council member to continue on the Council for a 2 year term.

Second round election – each 4 membership categories (caucuses) will elect a further 2 Council members (8 in total: 6 for a 4 year term, and 1 Retailers & Brands and 1 Suppliers & Manufacturers for a 2 year term).

Amendment of Statutes 4: Specify that a Civil Society Organisation needs to be not-for-profit and serving the public interest and common good.

Amendment of Statutes 5: Allow a group of legally registered companies to apply for membership under the group name.

Amendment of Statutes 6: Make the sharing of the benefits of membership with non-members grounds for expulsion.

Amendment of Statutes 7: Allow electronic vote instead of proxies.

## Election of the Council

The following Council members were elected by the General Assembly:

Category	Until 2014	Until 2016
Civil Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solidaridad</li> <li>PAN UK</li> </ul>
Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABRAPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farmers Associates of Pakistan</li> <li>Guoxin</li> </ul>
Retailers & Brands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levi Strauss &amp; Co.</li> <li>IKEA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H&amp;M</li> </ul>

Suppliers & Manufacturers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orta</li><li>• Ecom</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Olam</li></ul>
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Secretary:

Chair:



Annex: Revised Statutes as approved by the General Assembly on 28 June 2012.