Statement by Eng Itungulu Frederick at launching of World Cotton
 Day (WCD) Geneva 7th
 Oct 2019

Distinguished representatives from:

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 World Trade Organisation (WTO
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 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

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 International Trade Center
 (ITC)

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 International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC)

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 Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)

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-4 (Benin,Burkina Faso,Chad and Mali)

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 Representatives from the participating countries

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 Ladies and gentlemen

 Greetings from Uganda

Cotton is a strategic crop in Uganda and its production started i
n1903. It is used as an export good and a
raw material for the domestic and edible oil industries. The value chain employs a total of 2.5m people
directly and indirectly in the production and marketing of its primary products.

We therefore thank the C
-4 (Benin,Burkina Faso,Chad and Mali) for

 the initiative taken to apply to the
United Nations General Assembly
 for the recognition of a World Cotton Day (WCD)
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We also thank the United Nations General Assembly to accept and come up with 7th
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[(O T/)-0.5(m)1ered of Cotton by-products in Eastern and Southern Africa
(ESA)
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 resulted in formulation of Uganda’s

Action
Plan and

Policy
Recommendations

following initiatives;

1.
 Extend the market for cotton seed cake to the non
-ruminants

2.
 Increase domestic absor d r abco2.bproduction

3.
 Develop a new value chain for cotton stalks to produce charcoal briquettes

4.
 Scale up commercial mushroom production using cotton biomass

From the above initiatives UNCTAD commissioned and has produced two investment profiles in the
following area
s
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 Briquettes
 and pellets production from cotton stalks and other biomass waste

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 Absorbent cotton wool production from short
 staple
 cotton and gin waste.

With Uganda's attractive investment atmosphere
 which includes
 conducive tax and non

backed up by security of investment, investors are
 welcome to the Pearl of Africa to take this
opportunity and invest in the above initiatives
 which in turn will spur
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 Increased returns from cotton and
 farmers
 incomes.

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 Creation of
 employment.

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 Creation of
 Import substitution

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In support of development of cotton by
-products
 and other initiatives,
 the Government of Uganda has
prioritized strengthening agro
-industrialization for increased household incomes and improved quality
of life.
 The Government has also launched the Buy Uganda Build Uganda (BUBU) Policy to promote
procurement of locally produced goods/services.

In conclusion, I wish to thank WTO,ITC,FAO,UNCTAD and ICAC for organising and facilitating the launch
of WCD and
C
-4 for coming up with this