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I HAVE RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FROM ONE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SUGGESTING THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES TO KNOW WHAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE THINKING ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AT THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS MEETINGS HELD DURING THE ELEVENTH SESSION AND NOTABLY IN RESPECT OF THE SUGGESTION THAT MINISTERS SHOULD BE PRESENT AT SOME TIME DURING THE TWELFTH SESSION. IT WAS FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE EITHER BEFORE OR AT THE JUNE MEETING OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE SO THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES COULD MAKE THEIR PLANS WELL IN ADVANCE FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THESE SUGGESTIONS HAVE CONSIDERABLE MERIT AND I WOULD THEREFORE HOPE THAT CONTRACTING PARTIES WOULD BE IN A POSITION EITHER TO INDICATE THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES PRIOR TO THE JUNE MEETING, OR TO STATE THEIR VIEWS DURING THE COURSE OF THE JUNE MEETING.

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