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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF SWITZERLAND AND TUNISIA

THE ATTENTION OF CONTRACTING PARTIES IS DRAWN TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCEPTANCE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE OF THE PROCES-VERBAUX EXTENDING THE DECLARATIONS OF 22 NOVEMBER 1958 AND 12 NOVEMBER 1959, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF SWITZERLAND AND TUNISIA RESPECTIVELY (7S/19 AND 8S/15).

THE TEXTS OF THESE PROCES-VERBAUX WERE APPROVED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AT THEIR NINETEENTH SESSION (SR.19/11 and 12) AND HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENTS L/1682 AND L/1684. THE TREATY COPIES HAVE BEEN OPENED FOR SIGNATURE AT THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT.

THE PROCES-VERBAL RELATING TO THE PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF SWITZERLAND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND, AND ALSO BY SEVERAL OF THE PARTIES TO THE DECLARATION OF 22 NOVEMBER 1958. SIMILARLY, THE PROCES-VERBAL RELATING TO THE PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF TUNISIA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA AND BY SEVERAL OF THE PARTIES TO THE DECLARATION OF 12 NOVEMBER 1959. THESE PROCES-VERBAUX HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE IN RESPECT OF THE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE ACCEPTED THEM. AS THE DECLARATIONS EXPIRED ON 31 DECEMBER 1961, IT IS A MATTER OF URGENCY THAT PARTIES TO THE DECLARATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED THE PROCES-VERBAUX SHOULD DO SO WITHOUT DELAY IF THEY WISH TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM, AND SWITZERLAND AND TUNISIA TO CONTINUE TO BE BASED UPON THE GENERAL AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATIONS.

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