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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF FIRST PART OF TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (C/M/18) IT WAS DECIDED TO CONVENE A FIRST PART OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON 18 AND 19 DECEMBER FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A REPORT FROM THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS FIRST PART OF THE SESSION WOULD BE CANCELLED IF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE SHOULD SO RECOMMEND. THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS NOW DECIDED THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO CONVENE THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN DECEMBER. ACCORDINGLY, THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THIS YEAR AND THE TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM 24 FEBRUARY TO 20 MARCH 1964. SINCE THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WISHES TO CLARIFY THAT A SPECIAL SESSION CAN BE CONVENED PRIOR TO 24 FEBRUARY AT THE REQUEST OF A CONTRACTING PARTY WHICH CONSIDERS THAT A SPECIAL SESSION IS NECESSARY.

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OBJET: ANNULATION DE LA PREMIERE PARTIE DE LA VINGT ET UNIEME SESSION

A LA DERNIERE REUNION DU CONSEIL (C/M/18), IL AVAIT ETE DECIDE QU'UNE PREMIERE PARTIE DE LA VINGT ET UNIEME SESSION DES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES AURAIT LIEU LES 18 ET 19 DECEMBRE ET SERAIT SPECIALEMENT CONSACREE A UN RAPPORT DU COMITE DES NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES. IL ETAIT ENTENDU QUE CETTE PREMIERE PARTIE SERAIT ANNULEE SI LE COMITE LE RECOMMANDAIT. LE COMITE DES NEGOCIATIONS COMMERCIALES A MAINTENANT DECIDE QU'IL NE SERAIT PAS NECESSAIRE DE REUNIR LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES EN DECEMBRE. EN CONSEQUENCE, LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES NE SE REUNIRONT PAS CETTE ANNEE, ET LA VINGT ET UNIEME SESSION SE DEROULERA DU 24 FEVRIER AU 20 MARS 1964 A GENEVE. LA QUESTION LUI AYANT ETE POSEE, LE SECRETAIRE EXECUTIF TIENT A PRECISER QUE LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES PEUVENT ETRE REUNIES EN SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE AVANT LE 24 FEVRIER A LA DEMANDE DE TOUTE PARTIE CONTRACTANTE QUI JUGERAIT CETTE REUNION NECESSAIRE.

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