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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR TARIFF REDUCTION

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE COMMENCING 23 JUNE INCLUDES CONSIDERATION OF THE TIMING OF A MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PLANS FOR TARIFF REDUCTION. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE TIME INVOLVED IN ARRANGING FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE EVENT THEY SHOULD BE DECIDED UPON, IT APPEARS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THERE BE AT LEAST SOME PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE NATURE AND TIMING OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME CONTRACTING PARTIES, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT AN INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE HELD DURING THE TIME OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING. FURTHERMORE, THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE MIGHT DECIDE THAT AN INITIAL MEETING OF THE TARIFF WORKING PARTY SHOULD BE HELD DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEETING OF THAT COMMITTEE. IN THE LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, I SUGGEST THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES (OR OBSERVERS) OF CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF TARIFF NEGOTIATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO MEMBERS OF THE TARIFF WORKING PARTY, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

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