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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN GENEVA FROM 12 TO 29 NOVEMBER, INCLUDES A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS. IN PARTICULAR, CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 3 - EXPANSION OF TRADE - WHICH CONCERNS TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MAY INVOLVE DECISIONS AFFECTING OUR WORK PROGRAMME AND CONSEQUENTLY THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE NEED FOR CONSULTATION CONCERNING OTHER PROBLEMS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO CONTRACTING PARTIES.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE DESIRABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR OFFICIALS OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE FROM CAPITALS TO ~~BE~~ PRESENT DURING THE LAST FOUR DAYS OF THE SESSION, I.E. 26-29 NOVEMBER, WHEN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL HAVE REACHED THE POINT OF TAKING DECISIONS. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF CONTRACTING PARTIES WOULD REFLECT UPON THIS SUGGESTION AND INFORM ME BY 11 NOVEMBER WHETHER IT IS THE INTENTION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO BE SO REPRESENTED AND, IF SO, THE NAMES OF THE OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND.

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OBJET: REPRESENTATION A LA VINGT-CINQUIEME SESSION DES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES

L'ORDRE DU JOUR PROVISOIRE DE LA VINGT-CINQUIEME SESSION, QUI DOIT SE TENIR A GENEVE DU 12 AU 29 NOVEMBRE, COMPEND UN CERTAIN NOMBRE DE POINTS IMPORTANTS. EN PARTICULIER, L'EXAMEN DU POINT 3 - EXPANSION DES ECHANGES - QUI CONCERNE LE COMMERCE DES PRODUITS INDUSTRIELS ET AGRICOLES ET LE COMMERCE DES PAYS DE DEVELOPEMENT, EST SUSCEPTIBLE DE DONNER LIEU A DES DECISIONS QUI AURAIENT UNE INCIDENCE SUR NOTRE PROGRAMME DE TRAVAIL, ET PAR CONSEQUENT SUR LES PRINCIPALES ACTIVITES DES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES CES PROCHAINES ANNEES. EN OUTRE, IL FAUDRA PROBABLEMENT PROCEDER A DES CONSULTATIONS CONCERNANT D'AUTRES PROBLEMES QUI PRESENTENT UNE IMPORTANCE MAJEURE POUR LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES.

AU VU DE CES CONSIDERATIONS, IL SEMBLERAIT SOUHAITABLE ET OPPORTUN QUE DES REPRESENTANTS DES GOUVERNEMENTS CENTRAUX AU NIVEAU LE PLUS ELEVE POSSIBLE SOIENT PRESENTS PENDANT LES QUATRE DERNIERS JOURS DE LA SESSION, SOIT DU 26 AU 29 NOVEMBRE, LORSQUE LES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES EN SERONT ARRIVEES AU POINT DE PRENDRE DES DECISIONS. JE SERAIS RECONNAISSANT AUX PARTIES CONTRACTANTES DE BIEN VOULOIR PRENDRE CETTE SUGGESTION EN CONSIDERATION AINSI QUE ME FAIRE SAVOIR, POUR LE 11 NOVEMBRE AU PLUS TARD, SI ELLES ENTENDENT SE FAIRE REPRESENTER A CE NIVEAU ET, DANS L'AFFIRMATIVE, ME COMMUNIQUER LES NOMS DES REPRESENTANTS QU'ELLES DESIGNERONT.

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