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Revision of Terms of Reference and Convening of Special Session March 1959

Note by the Executive Secretary

At the Twenty-sixth Session of the Economic and Social Council, July 1958, the Council adopted two Resolutions concerning its Commission on International Commodity Trade - one Resolution amends the terms of reference and the other convenes a Special Session of the Commission to be held in the first three months of 1959. (The date of the Special Session has subsequently been fixed for 9 to 23 March. It will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations.) A copy of the United Nations document E/RES/691(XXVI) containing these two Resolutions is attached.

The attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES is drawn to paragraph 2:(a) of the first Resolution which describes the basic task of the Commission as being "to study and analyse developments and trends in international commodity trade .....". The CONTRACTING PARTIES may wish to take account of this change in the Commissions's terms of reference when considering their own future action in this field.

Secondly, attention is drawn to paragraph 3 of the second Resolution wherein the Economic and Social Council invites the CONTRACTING PARTIES to take part in the work of the Special Session. The CONTRACTING PARTIES may wish to consider to what extent and in what manner they should participate in the Session in response to this invitation.