TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES
TO OPEN ON 24 FEBRUARY 1964

The twenty-first session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade will be held at Genoa from 24 February to 20 March 1964.

The Contracting Parties will receive reports from various committees which have been established in order to implement the Conclusions reached at the GATT ministerial meeting held in Geneva, in May 1963. These reports deal principally with trade problems of the less-developed countries.

The Contracting Parties will be presented with a report by the Chairman of the Trade Negotiations Committee on the preparations for the Kennedy round of trade negotiations due to start in May 1964.

Since the twentieth session in November 1962, eighteen countries have acceded to the General Agreement and, in the course of this session, Iceland and Viet-Nam will apply for accession.

Before the close of the session, the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for the ensuing year will be elected. Since the twentieth session the Chairman of the Contracting Parties has been Mr. J.H. Warren (Canada).

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