The twenty-second session of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade opened at Geneva on 2 March 1965.

The Chairman of the Contracting Parties, Mr. J.H. Warren (Canada) is unable to attend this session. On behalf of Mr. J. Lacarte (Uruguay), Vice-Chairman, absent due to illness, Mr. G. Bresson (Upper Volta), Vice-Chairman, delivered the opening statement in which the main tasks to be undertaken during the session are reviewed. The text is reproduced in press release GATT/919.

With the accession of Gambia, in February 1965, and with the decision of Burundi to become a full contracting party, early in March, there are now sixty-six contracting parties to GATT; a further thirteen countries have acceded provisionally or have other forms of association, making a total of seventy-nine.