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CMA RECEIVED HERE FOLLOWING OPEN CABLE FROM QUOTE GHANADELEG  
NEWYORK UNQUOTE MESSAGE READS QUOTA DRAGAN PROTITCH PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARY UNATIONS CONCILIATION COMMISSION GENEVA STOP REGRET  
THAT I CANNOT BE PRESENT AT GENEVA FOR FINAL REPORT STOP PRESIDENT OF  
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GHANA MAY VISIT NEW YORK AND I HAVE RETURNED HERE TO PREPARE  
GROUND PARA COMMISSION SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION  
THAT IT SUPPORTS ILEO GOVERNMENT STOP WHAT WE HAD EXPECTED WAS  
A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BUT WITH LUMUMBAS DEATH AND VARIOUS  
EXECUTIONS COMMISSIONS TASK IS OUTMODDED IN

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THAT REGARD STOP WISH YOU ALL THE BEST

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PLEASE RELEASE TO PRESS COMMISSIONS FOLLOWING PRESS COMMUNIQUE  
NUMBER FIVE TOMORROW MORNING WEDNESDAY FIRST MARCH AT TEN  
A.M. NEWYORK TIME QUOTE THE UNITED NATIONS CONCILIATION  
COMMISSION FOR THE CONGO MET YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN GENEVA  
TO CONSIDER

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ITS DRAFT REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE CONGO.  
IN VIEW OF MISINTERPRETATIONS IN THE PRESS REGARDING ONE OF THE  
PRINCIPAL CONDLUSIONS CONTAINED IN ITS INTERIM MESSAGE OF 15  
FEBRUARY TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE COMMISSION FEELS OBLIGED  
TO CLARIFY THIS POINT.

IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED

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IN CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ENDORSED THE ILEO  
PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND RECOMMENDED ITS RECOGNITION.

THE COMMISSION WISHES TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THIS  
INTERPREATION IS NOT CORRECT.

THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THAT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COUNCIL  
OF COMMISSIONERS-GENERAL BY A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS AN  
ENCOURAGING

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STEP TOWARD AN EARLY RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALITY. HOWEVER,  
ANY GOVERNMENT MUST PRESENT ITSELF BEFORE EACH OF THE CHAMBERS  
OF PARLIAMENT FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
ARTICLE 42 OF THE LOI FONDAMENTALE.

IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH THE  
QUESTION

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OF RECOGNITION OR NON-RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENTS. THE QUESTION  
OF RECOGNIZING OR NOT RECOGNIZING THE ILEO PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT AS SUCH DID NOT THEREFORE ARISE.

IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT IN ITS INTERIM REPORT THE COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDED THAT AN APPEAL MUST BE MADE TO ALL STATES TO AVOID

ASSUMING

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ANY ATTITUDE WHICH MIGHT AGGRAVATE THE OPPOSITION BETWEEN THE  
DIFFERENT TENDENCIES IN THE CONGO AND MAKE CONCILIATION MORE  
DIFFICULT.

THE COMMISSION ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZES THIS APPEAL UNQUOTE

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