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GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 2 (RFE SPECIAL/MAHONEY)- JAROSLAV KOHOUT, CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, CABLED THAT GROUP TODAY THAT HE WOULD BE 48 HOURS LATE IN ATTENDING THE 18-DAY SESSION THAT OPENED HERE THIS MORNING.

IF MR. KOHOUT DOES NOT SHOW UP AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THE BOARD WILL HAVE TO SELECT A NEW PRESIDENT WHO, UNDER EXISTING RULES, WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE SAME GEOGRAPHIC AREA AS MR. KOHOUT, THAT IS EASTERN EUROPE.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER, JIRI HAJEK, IS STILL IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN BERN, AWAITING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN HIS COUNTRY.

WHEN THE UNCTAD BOARD OPENED THIS MORNING, THE DELEGATE FROM CHAD ASSUMED THE CHAIR AND WILL DIRECT THE PROCEEDINGS UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF MR. KOHOUT.

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