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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30 -- The Commission of the European Atomic Energy Community today made the following announcement from Brussels:

"In accordance with its decision of January 16, 1963, and following the lines laid down in the declaration made in its name by its President on November 14, 1962, before the delegation of the Six and the United Kingdom, the Euratom Commission has continued to employ its effort to achieve a positive result to the negotiations for British membership in the Community.

"From the outset, it has been clear that, since the three European Communities together form a single grouping with common institutions, there could only be membership in the three Communities together. Consequently, the Euratom Commission regrets that the situation arising on January 29, 1963, prevents, for the time being, the pursuit of the negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Atomic Energy Community.

"Nevertheless, the Commission hopes that the first elements of progress resulting from the negotiations will open the way for a closer and more extensive cooperation in the framework of the fruitful relationship which has developed between the United Kingdom and the Community since the beginning of 1959."