To convert a binary UUID returned by UUID_TO_BIN() to a string UUID, use BIN_TO_UUID(). If you produce a binary UUID by calling UUID_TO_BIN() with a second argument of 1 to swap time parts, you should also pass a second argument of 1 to BIN_TO_UUID() to unswap the time parts when converting the binary UUID back to a string UUID:

If the use of time-part swapping is not the same for the conversion in both directions, the original UUID is not recovered properly:

If $\mathtt{UUID_TO_BIN}()$ is invoked from within the \mathtt{mysql} client, binary strings display using hexadecimal notation, depending on the value of the $-\mathtt{-binary-as-hex}$. For more information about that option, see Section 4.5.1, "mysql — The MySQL Command-Line Client".