

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

International Dairy Arrangement

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

Special meeting on 11 February 1985

Draft Decision

The International Dairy Products Council at a special meeting held on 11 February 1985:

Noted the opinion expressed by participants that effective co-operation in the field of trade in dairy products was an important element in a wider effort to solve problems related to trade in agriculture more generally;

Noted the statements made by participants that they would continue to fully support the International Dairy Arrangement and that they would co-operate closely to ensure that the provisions therein were fully applied;

Noted that considerable efforts were being made in several countries to limit or stabilize milk production and to stimulate the consumption of dairy products, and that these efforts had apparently had some effect;

Considered that since the Resolution of 16 November 1984, sales of butter and butteroil made by some participants have mitigated the problems created for them by the sales of the quantity of butter below the minimum price by the European Communities; and accordingly,

Decided to rescind with immediate effect the provision made in paragraph 2 of the Resolution of 16 November 1984 (DPC/13), whereby some participants were permitted to take action in the short term to safeguard their position by, for example, making sales at prices below the minima specified in the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat.

While deliveries of the products covered by the forementioned sales at prices below the minimum prices of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat might extend over some time, it was clearly understood that no sales of further quantities below the minimum might be contracted after 11 February 1985. A register of such sales is annexed to the present decision.

The Council furthermore agreed to continue to keep the situation under close observation, and that at the next regular meetings of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat and of the Council further consideration should be given to possible steps that could be taken to strengthen the Arrangement, and to make its operation more effective.