

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

### SIXTH SESSION

#### Note by the Chairman

1. The International Dairy Products Council held its sixth session on 1 April 1982.
2. Mr. C. O'Hanlon (Australia) was elected Chairman and Mr. L. Paunescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Council.
3. Under Rules 11 and 14 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council invited the representatives of Mexico and Panama, and representatives of OECD, UNCTAD, FAO and the Economic Commission for Europe, to attend the session's proceedings as observers.
4. The Council reviewed the functioning of the Arrangement. It took note of reports on the implementation of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders, the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat and the Protocol Regarding Certain Cheeses, and of the concern expressed, in particular, with regard to the situation of dairy-product stocks in the United States.
5. The Council also took note of the report on the meeting of experts to examine the modalities for drawing up graphs proposed for inclusion in the status report. The Council considered that the graphs proposed in document DPC/W/19 would be a useful contribution to its work and it asked the secretariat to keep them regularly up to date. In addition, the Council was apprised of the information furnished in response to Questionnaires 4 and 5.
6. For its evaluation of the situation in and outlook for the world market for dairy products, the Council had before it two documents prepared by the secretariat, namely a status report on the world market for dairy products (DPC/W/18) and a note on food aid operations (DPC/W/21). During that evaluation, the Council gave particular consideration to dairy policies and food aid. It noted that the overall situation and outlook in the dairy sector gave rise to considerable concern and that the situation needed to be monitored closely.
7. The Council also discussed its contribution to the Ministerial Meeting.
8. The next session of the Council was scheduled, subject to confirmation, for 30 September and 1 October 1982.