

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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TARIFFS AND TRADE

Special Distribution

International Dairy Arrangement

CONCERNING THE MEETINGS IN MARCH 1991

Note by the Secretariat

1. At their meeting in December 1990, the Protocol Committees noted an invitation by Uruguay to hold the next regular sessions of the International Dairy Products Council and the Committees of the Protocols in Uruguay, (DPL/PTL/15, paragraph 12). These meetings have been tentatively scheduled to be held from 18 to 20 March 1991 (DPC/35, paragraph 32). The delegations of Uruguay and Argentina have also invited the IDPC and their Protocol Committees to participate in excursions visiting livestock enterprises and industries in the two countries (Spec(90)45, paragraph 86). The acceptance of these invitations will entail certain arrangements to be made and necessitate delegations to be informed well in time before the meetings.

2. The secretariat, in consultation with the Chairmen of the IDPC and the Protocol Committees, makes the following suggestions for how the meetings and excursions might be organized. In doing so it is stressed that any modifications suggested by delegates will be noted and made available to all members of the IDA.

Meetings in Punta del Este

18-19 March 1991: Meetings of the Protocol Committees

20 March 1991: International Dairy Products Council Meetings to finish by 1 p.m.

Excursions

20 March 1991: Departure in the afternoon

23 March 1991: Arrival in Buenos Aires or Montevideo in the afternoon.

3. The host countries will assume the costs of the excursions. Delegates will therefore only have to cover other costs themselves, which would mainly entail travel expenses and necessary accommodation before and after the excursions.

4. Participants are invited to inform the secretariat as soon as possible and in any case before 1 February 1991, whether they will attend the meetings as suggested and participate in the excursions.

5. The Chairman of the IDPC intends to convene an informal meeting of IDA participants early February and a decision might then be taken as to the holding of the meetings in Uruguay as suggested and for making necessary arrangements related to the meetings and excursions. The formal convocation of the meetings will be issued as soon as possible thereafter.