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ARGENTINE SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Argentine delegation understands that in the various meetings held to date the Group on Meat has been able to complete the analysis of the qualitative and conceptual aspects of the elements which should be taken into account in negotiations with a view to an international arrangement on meat.

The Argentine delegation considers that it is essential as the next step to supplement this analysis by an examination of the quantitative elements so that a practical and realistic evaluation can be made of the various offers or proposals for negotiations.

In order that the above-mentioned evaluation may be of practical value, the quantitative elements should be sufficiently standardized as between the various participants and should furnish detailed information on all aspects of national policies which affect the evolution of and trends in production, consumption and external trade in meat.

The Argentine delegation therefore proposes the following programme for the technical discussion of the quantitative elements mentioned above:

1. Quantitative analysis of levels of support for domestic beef production and of elements of domestic policy involved therein.
2. Incidence on meat production of policies on cereals and dairy products.
3. Evolution of wholesale and retail price levels for beef.
4. Customs duties and internal charges affecting the marketing of beef.
5. Comparative analysis of marketing costs.
6. Subsidies or refunds on exports.

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7. Trends in production, imports, exports and consumption of beef over the five-year period 1961/65 and projections until 1970, on a standardized statistical basis.
8. Trends in total per caput consumption of all types of meat for the same periods mentioned above, in relation to available income, retail price and percentage of consumer expenditure devoted to meat.
9. Sanitary or veterinary regulations affecting the level of beef imports.
10. Import policies for live cattle.