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International Dairy Arrangement

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

SECOND SESSION

9-10 June 1980

Note by the Chairman

1. The International Dairy Products Council held its second session on 9 and 10 June 1980 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. T.C. O'Brien (New Zealand).
2. Under Rule 11 of its rules of procedure, the Council invited representatives of Mexico and Panama to attend the session's proceedings as observers. Under Rule 14 of its rules of procedure, the Council invited representatives of OECD and UNCTAD to attend the session's proceedings as observers.
3. The Council reviewed the functioning of the Arrangement. It heard an oral report by Mr. J.-M. Lucq, Chairman of the Committees of the Protocols, on the implementation of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders, the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat and the Protocol Regarding Certain Cheeses. The Council took note of the replies that had been received to Questionnaires 4 and 5. There was an exchange of views on information concerning domestic policies and trade measures.
4. The Council made an evaluation of the situation in and outlook for the world market for dairy products. For that purpose, it had before it two documents prepared by the secretariat, namely a status report on the world market for dairy products (DPC/W/1) and a note on food aid operations relating to dairy products (DPC/W/2). The status report, brought up to date for the next session of the Council, will be revised in accordance with the Council's comments and made available for wider circulation than that normally given to documents taken note of by the Council.
5. The date of the next session will be fixed by the Chairman after consultation with the delegations. The Council agreed to include in the agenda of that session, inter alia, a thorough discussion of the question of fresh milk and fresh dairy products.