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INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION

29 September 1980

Note by the Chairman

1. The International Dairy Products Council held its third session on 29 September 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 the 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, UNCTAD, FAO and the Economic Commission for Europe 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 decision made by each of the Committees to increase, as from 1 October 1980, the minimum prices of the products covered respectively by those protocols at the following levels (per metric ton): skimmed milk powder and butter milk powder: US\$500; whole milk powder: US\$800; butter: US\$1,000; anhydrous milk fat: US\$1,200; certain cheeses: US\$900. The schedules of price differentials according to milk fat content have consequently been modified. The Council also took note of the information in connexion with questionnaires 4 and 5.
4. 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/3 and Corr.1) and a note on food aid operations (DPC/W/4/Rev.1). As agreed beforehand, the Council had a thorough discussion of the question of fresh milk and fresh milk products.
5. As agreed by the Council at its second session, the status report will be revised by the secretariat to take account of data and amendments communicated and comments made by the participants, and will be made available for unrestricted distribution.
6. The date of the next session of the Council, as well as 1981 sessions, will be decided later on after consultation with the participants.