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## Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

### INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

#### Report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

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on his own Responsibility

1. The Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat entered into force on 1 January 1980. There are at present 21 participants (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, European Economic Community (and its member States), Finland, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United States, Uruguay and Yugoslavia).
2. In pursuance of the Arrangement, an International Meat Council has been established in order to carry out all the functions necessary to implement the provisions of the Arrangement. Chairman of the Council is Mr. Michael Gifford (Canada) and Vice-Chairman is Mr. J.C. Raimondi (Argentina).
3. The International Meat Council has met twice to date: on 7 February and on 12 and 13 June 1980. The first meeting of the Council was devoted to organization of its work and to that end it adopted rules of procedure. In this connexion and taking into account the decision arrived at by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-fifth session on 28 November 1979, the Council adopted procedures which would enable non-signatory countries as well as international organizations to follow the proceedings of the Council in an observer capacity. The Council also examined and adopted a questionnaire on the basis of which participants were to provide the Council with the information requested in the Arrangement. At its second meeting and in accordance with Article IV:1 of the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat, the Council made an evaluation of the world supply and demand situation and outlook on the basis of information supplied by the participants as well as on the basis of an interpretative analysis drawn up by the secretariat. In this context there was a discussion on displacement of exports from certain markets due to subsidization. The Council also proceeded to an examination of the functioning of the Arrangement. It further discussed and agreed upon distribution of documents prepared for and by the Council.
4. The next meeting of the International Meat Council is scheduled to take place on 15 and 16 December 1980, at which meeting the Council will continue its discussions in accordance with its terms of reference as laid down in the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat.