

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

International Dairy Arrangement

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

FIFTH SESSION

Note by the Chairman

1. The International Dairy Products Council held its fifth session on 1 October 1981 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. T.C. O'Brien (New Zealand).
2. Under Rules 11 and 14 of its Rules of Procedure, the Council invited the representatives of Mexico and Panama, and 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 took note of reports 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 1981, the minimum export prices of the products covered respectively by those protocols to the following levels (f.o.b. price per metric ton): skimmed milk powder and buttermilk powder: US\$600; whole milk powder: US\$950; butter: US\$1,200; anhydrous milk fat: US\$1,440; certain cheeses: US\$1,000. The schedules of price differentials according to milk fat content have consequently been modified.
4. The Council also took note of the report on the meeting of experts to examine the questionnaires concerning the various products, as well as the modalities for drawing up graphs proposed for inclusion in the status report. On the latter point, the Council agreed that the examination would be continued at a further meeting of experts and, to that end, requested participants which had not yet communicated the necessary data to the secretariat to do so as soon as possible.
5. In addition, the Council took note of the information furnished in response to Questionnaires 4 and 5.
6. 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/14) and a note

on food aid operations (DPC/W/16). During that evaluation, the Council gave particular consideration to dairy policies. It also discussed food aid which it agreed would be examined in depth at coming sessions.

7. The status report on the world market for dairy products 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.

8. The date of the next session of the Council, as well as 1982 sessions, will be decided later on after consultation with the participants.