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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### Group "Agriculture"

#### Sub-Group on Dairy Products

### MEETING OF OCTOBER 1975

#### Summing-Up by the Chairman

1. The Sub-Group on Dairy Products held its second session on 13-17 October 1975. It was agreed that the Sub-Group would be chaired by the secretariat. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend this session as an observer.
2. As it had agreed to do in a first stage, in terms of the work programme adopted last June (MTN/DP/1, paragraph 4), the Sub-Group, for the purpose of the negotiations, carried out an analysis of the specific characteristics, of the structure and the problems of world trade in dairy products, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade distorting practices, taking into account the wide diversity and interchangeability of products derived from milk. To this end, the Sub-Group had before it two notes by the secretariat: an information document on international or regional co-operation devices existing in the dairy products sector (MTN/DP/W/8) and a summary of export and import measures on dairy products (MTN/DP/W/9 and Add.1).
3. The Sub-Group heard a number of statements relating to the characteristics, the structure and the problems of world trade in dairy products. The text of some of these statements was distributed.<sup>1</sup>
4. On the basis of document MTN/DP/W/9 and of the information provided by delegations during the debate, the Sub-Group carried out a multilateral examination and analysis of all the measures maintained in this sector by the United States, Switzerland, Australia, the European Communities, New Zealand, Argentina, Japan, South Africa, Canada, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

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<sup>1</sup>New Zealand MTN/DP/W/10  
European Communities MTN/DP/W/11  
United States MTN/DP/W/12  
Canada MTN/DP/W/13  
Australia MTN/DP/W/14

5. The Sub-Group then proceeded to examine, on the basis of document MTN/DP/W/8, the international or regional co-operation devices already existing.

6. The Group agreed to carry on and complete at its next meeting the analysis of export and import measures maintained by other countries participating in the Sub-Group. The Sub-Group further agreed to deal, in a second stage, with all the elements of all proposals that have been or may be made, with the objective of assessing their content and their relevance to the problems raised and to the objectives of the negotiations (MTN/DP/1, paragraph 6).

7. It was agreed that document MTN/DP/W/9 would be revised in order to take account of the points raised during the analysis of the measures maintained, and of the information which delegations have been invited to communicate to the secretariat, so as to complete and up-date the document.

Date of next meeting

8. The Sub-Group agreed to hold its next meeting on 16-20 February 1976.