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PROPOSAL BY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

On the basis of requests made in the Sub-Group on Dairy Products regarding a closer specification of the position of the Nordic countries in the issue of reference points to be designated for them in the footnotes to be included in the paragraphs concerning the terms of sale of the minimum price arrangements on various dairy products, the Nordic countries hereby make the following concrete proposal.

The text to be included in note 2 of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Protocols on certain milk powders and milk fat (eventually also cheese) could include the following reference points for the Nordic countries:

Finland: Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerpen, Basel

Sweden: Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerpen, Basel

Norway: Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerpen

While making this proposal officially to the Sub-Group the Nordic countries wish to draw the attention of the participants in the negotiations to the fact that this proposal is under consideration in bilateral discussions. The Nordic countries will draw their final conclusions regarding their possibilities to participate in the said minimum price arrangements on the basis of the overall outcome of the negotiations on dairy products and the Multilateral Trade Negotiations as a whole. The Nordic countries are willing to continue the bilateral discussions already started and to enter into any further such discussions with any interested parties upon their request.