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COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN MILK POWDERS

Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. Under Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its fourteenth session.
2. The Committee held its fourteenth session on 27 June 1983.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1920. It also adopted the report on its thirteenth session.
4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1983 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. An exchange of information and views took place in the Committee concerning the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. Among the salient points characterizing the current market situation, the seriousness of which was underlined, the Committee noted that international prices of the products covered by the Protocol had continued to weaken, in particular because of livelier competition. The Committee recorded the keen concern that was being felt over the current level of stocks of skimmed milk powder, and took note of the indications communicated to it regarding disposal of those stocks.
6. The Committee approved the amendments to the processes and control measures proposed in the communication presented by the European Economic Community (DPC/P/W/13) and agreed to include them in the register of processes and control measures set forth in Annex 1(c) to the Arrangement. Certified copies of the text of those amendments, signed by the Director-General of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement, will be distributed. In addition, the text will be published as document L/5514.
7. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 26 to 28 September 1983, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.