SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

1. The International Meat Council established under Article V:1 of the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat, which entered into force on 1 January 1980, will hold its first meeting on 7 and 8 February 1980 in the Centre William Rappard. The meeting will open on Thursday, 7 February at 10 a.m.

2. The meeting will mainly be of an organizational nature. The following items are proposed for discussion:
   1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
   2. Procedures for the participation of interested non-signatories in an observer capacity (L/M 4905, paragraph 5).
   3. Date of next meeting.
   4. Other business.

3. Governments signatories of the Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat are invited to participate in the meeting and are requested to inform me of the names of their representatives by 31 January at the latest.

4. Non-signatories which have an interest in following the proceedings of the Council in an observer capacity are invited to notify me at the latest by 6 February of this fact. Following a decision on the procedures for participation of delegations in an observer capacity, these delegations will be notified in this regard as soon as possible.

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