INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

FOURTH SESSION

Note by the Chairman

1. The International Dairy Products Council held its fourth session on 2 April 1981.

2. The Council re-elected H.E. Mr. T.C. O'Brien (New Zealand) as Chairman, and Mr. A. Cruit (United States) as Vice-Chairman.

3. 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.

4. The Council reviewed the functioning of the Arrangement. It took note of the reports of the Committees of the Protocols, on the implementation of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders, the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat and the Protocol Regarding Certain Cheeses. It also took note of the information in connexion with Questionnaires 4 and 5. It was agreed that a meeting of experts would be convened to examine the adequacy of the questionnaires concerning the various products, as well as the modalities for drawing up graphs which were proposed for inclusion in the status report.

5. 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/7) and a note on food-aid operations (DPC/W/8). During this evaluation, the Council discussed in particular dairy policies and food aid.

6. The date of the next session of the Council was fixed, subject to confirmation, for 24 and 25 September 1981.