COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

Report to the International Dairy Products Council

1. In pursuance of Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted the present report on its thirtieth session, held on 15 and 16 June 1987.

2. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/2429, as well as the report on its twenty-ninth session (DPC/C/45).

3. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1987 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.

4. The Committee took note of the register of sales made under Article 7:2 of the Protocol (DPC/C/W/27/Rev.5). It reverted to the examination of a communication from New Zealand concerning this participant's exports under derogation (DPC/C/W/31). It took note of a statement by New Zealand that consultations were continuing on the subject. The Committee agreed to retain the item on the agenda, hoping that a solution could be agreed upon at the next meeting.

5. Members of the Committee exchanged information and views regarding the market situation for products covered by the Protocol. The Committee noted that international prices of Cheddar cheese had been between US$1,100 and US$1,200 per ton f.o.b. during the second quarter of 1987. It also took note of a statement by Australia regarding import measures for cheese and of comments made by other participants in that respect. Information on the Australian measures would be circulated shortly in the DPC/INV/- series, and the matter could be reverted to at the next meeting of the International Dairy Products Council.

6. The next session of the Committees will be held consecutively on 21 and 22 September 1987, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.