INTERNATIONAL D A I R Y A R R E N G M E N T

COMMITEE 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 eighth session.

2. The Committee held its eighth session on 16 December 1981.

3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1778. It also adopted the report on its seventh session.

4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the third quarter of 1981 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 Committee noted that international prices of the products covered by the Protocol had remained firm.

6. The Committee agreed to give particular attention to the question of food aid at its next session.

7. The Committee examined a request presented by Hungary (DPC/P/W/5) for the processes and control measures described in that document to be approved and included in the register of processes and control measures in accordance with Article 3:5 of the Protocol. The Committee noted that some time was needed to examine that document thoroughly and agreed to revert to the Hungarian request at its next session.

8. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 29 to 31 March 1982, subject to confirmation by the secretariat. The session of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders will follow the session of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Milk Fat.