International Dairy Arrangement

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 tenth session.

2. The Committee held its tenth session on 22 June 1982.

3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1828. It also adopted the report on its ninth session.

4. The Committee reviewed the replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information for the first quarter of 1982 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. The Committee agreed to continue to give particular attention to the question of trends in consumption. Among the salient points characterizing the current market situation, the Committee noted that international prices of the products covered by the Protocol seemed to have weakened somewhat, *inter alia* because of appreciation of the United States dollar. Concern was expressed regarding the level of stocks of skimmed milk powder, which were particularly high in the United States. The Committee took note of the indications communicated to it concerning measures that had been taken or were being envisaged for disposal of those stocks.

6. The Committee approved the processes and control measures described in the Hungarian request (DPC/P/W/5 and Add.1) and agreed to include them in the register of processes and control measures set forth in Annex 1(c) to the Arrangement, in accordance with Article 3:5 of the Protocol. Certified copies of the text of those processes and control measures, signed by the Director-General of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement will be circulated. That text will likewise be circulated as document L/5338.

8. The next sessions of the Committees will be held consecutively from 27 to 29 September 1982, subject to confirmation by the secretariat. They will begin with the session of the Committee of the Protocol Regarding Certain Milk Powders.