INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

For discussion under agenda Item No. 8, the following questions are submitted by Canada.

UNITED STATES

Question 1

The number of dairy producers in the United States taking advantage of this year's programme to reduce milk production would appear to be lower than expected. In view of this, is consideration being given to extending the programme? To date, what has been the impact of the present programme on the output of beef?

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Question 1

The introduction by the EC of individual producer quotas for milk production is likely to have an impact on beef supplies in the Community. Can an estimate be supplied of the increase in beef output in 1984 as a result of increased slaughter of dairy cows?

Question 2

Since dairy producers are being required to reduce their milk output, they can be expected to seek alternative enterprises. In view of this, are dairy farmers in the EC likely to expand beef output in the medium term in order to utilize fully their land, labour, buildings, etc.?

Question 3

Does the EC have any plans to encourage the consumption of beef and veal within the Community through measures such as consumer subsidies?