1. The Sub-Group on Dairy Products held its third session from 16 to 19 February. The Sub-Group invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, or his representative, to attend this session of the Sub-Group as an observer.

2. In accordance with the first stage of its programme of work (paragraph 4 of document MTN/DP/1), the Sub-Group, for the purposes of the negotiations, continued with the analysis begun at its October 1975 meeting, of "the specific characteristics, of the structure and the problems of world trade in dairy products, including the direct or indirect impact of trade barriers and trade-distorting practices, taking into account the wide diversity and interchangeability of products derived from milk". On the basis of document MTN/DP/W/9 and of the information furnished by delegations in the course of the discussions, the Sub-Group continued the multilateral examination and analysis of all the measures maintained in the dairy products sector by embarking on an analysis of the measures applied by Hungary, Austria, Romania, Brazil and Spain.

3. The Sub-Group agreed that this first stage of its programme of work should be considered as having been completed, but that it would be open to the Sub-Group to revert to the analysis described in paragraph 4 of document MTN/DP/1 at a later stage. Delegations which had not yet presented the measures they maintain in the dairy products sector are invited to do so at the earliest opportunity. It was agreed that the secretariat's Summary of Export and Import Measures (MTN/DP/W/9) be revised to take account of points emerging from the analysis and of the information and comments which delegations are invited to submit in order to complete and update the summary.

4. The Sub-Group considered various elements contained in the proposals concerning the categories of questions agreed on at its first meeting (MTN/DP/1, paragraph 6). It was agreed to continue this consideration at the Sub-Group's next meetings and to deal with and examine in a systematic and orderly way any proposals which have been or might be made. In this respect, a suggestion has been put forward (MTN/DP/W/20) which the Sub-Group has also agreed to discuss at its next meeting.
5. The discussion brought out a number of matters which called for further reflection and clarification at the next meeting of the Sub-Group on Dairy Products. The Sub-Group decided that its members might consider these questions at informal discussions, with the assistance of the secretariat if requested, during the interval between the present and the next meeting.

6. The Sub-Group agreed to hold its next meeting from 12 to 16 July.