1. The Sub-Group on Dairy Products met from 21 to 24 November 1977.

2. It invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD or his representative to attend the meeting as an observer.

3. The Sub-Group took note of the communications received from the Chairmen of other Groups or Sub-Groups (MTN/DP/W/28).

4. As agreed at its last meeting (MTN/DP/5, para. 5), the Sub-Group continued discussion of the elements contained in the proposals submitted by the European Communities and New Zealand concerning an arrangement in the dairy products sector. For the discussion, it had before it a document (MTN/DP/W/27), bringing together the elements contained in the New Zealand and European Communities proposals and the considerations expressed during the initial discussion of those proposals, which the secretariat had prepared on its own responsibility at the request of the Sub-Group. A communication from the Nordic Countries (MTN/DP/W/29), and a statement by the United States representative (MTN/DP/W/30) were circulated.

5. For the next meeting, the secretariat was invited to prepare, on its own responsibility and in the light of the discussions, a revised text presenting in the most precise terms possible the various provisions contained in document MTN/DP/W/27. With a view to the furtherance of the negotiations, the Sub-Group agreed to consider the revised document as a working hypothesis and to discuss it at its next meeting. The possibility of additional proposals was noted.

6. The Sub-Group will meet as near as possible to 15 January 1978. The exact date will be fixed in consultation with delegations.