PROPOSAL BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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FUTURE WORK

(Proposal by the European Economic Community)

At the last meeting of the negotiating Sub-Group "Dairy Products," two series of questions came under detailed discussion — the first relating to the "multilateral examination and analysis of all the measures maintained in the dairy products sector," the second concerning elements of negotiation proposals already made.

The Community considers it appropriate that these discussions continue in detail, and in this connexion wishes to reiterate the suggestions that it put forward at the last meeting of the Sub-Group on these two matters:

(i) The multilateral examination and analysis by the Sub-Group of import and/or export measures has brought out the need for more detailed information concerning the import or export régimes currently applied in the cheese sector, in order to afford a better knowledge in particular of the content and scope of arrangements (multilateral or bilateral ...) existing in this sector.

It is suggested, accordingly, that for the next meeting the members of the Sub-Group "Dairy Products" forward to the secretariat, by 15 June 1976, an exhaustive note on their import and/or export régime in respect of cheese, comprising the following elements by tariff heading or sub-heading:

1. Detailed presentation of customs tariff.

2. Evolution of imports and/or exports for the years 1972-73 and 1974-75: total — principal sources and/or destination — where possible by types of cheese.
3. Import measures at tariff line level: statutory duty - bound duty - duty actually applied, levies, quantitative restrictions, minimum prices, anti-dumping or countervailing duties, State trading, etc.

4. Export measures at tariff line level: subsidy, refund, equalization, observance of prices or price ratios, etc.

5. Description of internal regulations and of agreements governing inclusion of these products in tariff headings or sub-headings (for example product classification rules, quota allocation - observance of minimum prices or price ratios - specific sanitary regulations ...).

(ii) In addition, the Sub-Group agreed at its last meeting to continue consideration of the proposals made "and to deal with and examine in a systematic and orderly way any proposals which have been or might be made".

As already suggested at the last meeting of the Sub-Group (MTN/DP/W/20), it is proposed in a first stage to deal with the means of improving and extending the already existing devices in international agreements or arrangements for the most homogeneous dairy products and to deal with the potential consequences of the devices contemplated in new international agreements or arrangements, in relation to improved conditions of competition and the objectives of expansion and ever greater liberalization of world trade in these products.