

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## International Dairy Arrangement

### INTERNATIONAL DAIRY PRODUCTS COUNCIL

#### FIRST SESSION

#### Draft Report

Chairman: H.E. Mr. Edward Farnon

1. The International Dairy Products Council, established in pursuance of Article VII:1(a) of the International Dairy Arrangement, held its first session on 4 and 5 February 1980.<sup>1</sup>
2. During this session, the Council dealt with items proposed for discussion in airgram GATT/AIR/1602, the adoption of its rules of procedure and questionnaires and with the question of co-operation with other organizations.
3. The Council agreed that New Zealand would provide a Chairman and entrusted this office to H.E. Mr. Edward Farnon. Mr. Anthony Cruik (United States) was appointed as Vice-Chairman.
4. Taking into account the decision arrived at by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-fifth session on 28 November 1979 (document L/4905), the Council examined the procedures for the participation of interested non-signatories in an observer capacity. To that end, the Council adopted Rules 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of its rules of procedure (see Annex 1), the Chairman having indicated that in his view and in that of other delegations, the wording of those rules was legally consistent with the text of the Arrangement. It was noted that in Rule 14 the term "international organizations" included the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations referred to by Article VII:1(e)(ii) of the Arrangement.

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<sup>1</sup>The list of participants and observers is attached.

5. In the presence of the observers invited to follow its proceedings in terms of Rules 10 and 11 of the rules of procedure, the Council then adopted the other rules in its rules of procedure.
6. It was noted in connexion with Rule 1 that communications could also be sent direct to capitals. It was agreed that the dates indicated for sessions of the Council and the Committees could be amended if circumstances so required. One participant indicated that in his view Rule 9 was superfluous because there was no need to spell out explicitly the possibility for the Council and the Committees of establishing subsidiary organs.
7. In terms of Rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the Council adopted questionnaires 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (see Annex 2).
8. The Council had before it requests made by OECD, the IFAP Standing Group on Dairy Products and "Export-Union für Milchprodukte, e.V., Bonn" with a view respectively for observer status, consultative status and co-operation with the Council. It requested the Chairman to make to each of those requests a reply consistent with Rule 14 of the rules of procedure.
9. The Council was informed that the Gentleman's Agreement on Exports of Whole Milk Powder had been abrogated on 31 January 1980 and that its Standing Committee had transmitted to the GATT secretariat part of the documentation in its possession. The documents retained by OECD could be made available upon request.
10. The representative of New Zealand made a general statement setting out his Government's expectations for the implementation of the International Dairy Arrangement.
11. The Council agreed to hold its next regular session on 27, 28 and 29 May 1980 and that the sessions of the Committees of the Protocols would take place on 21, 22 and 23 April 1980.