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Corrigendum

Page 7: delete paragraph 17.

Page 9: replace paragraph 22, by the following:

"In relation to this point and addressing an issue raised in the Meat Market Analysis Group, one participant noted that a reduction in the bovine meat intervention purchase prices in the EC did not necessarily mean a reduction in overall levels of support in that sector. Indeed, he said, at the same time that intervention prices were restrained, other measures had been implemented (such as some special premiums) which provided for increased assistance. In this respect, another representative of the European Community indicated that the intervention purchase price for bovine meat in the EC had been reduced by about 20 per cent in the last three seasons. He noted that establishing ways to measure support was one of the working elements of the agricultural negotiations and said that discussions regarding PSEs raised a number of technical problems and were taking place in other fora such as the OECD. In these conditions, he believed that the IMC was not the ideal place to discuss it. In reply to one question related to information contained in IMC/W/74, the secretariat indicated that the autonomous quota of three thousand tons of high-quality beef (one thousand tons per country) allocated to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay referred to in paragraph 16 of the document had indeed only been proposed by the Commission to the EC Council, but had not yet been agreed to.