

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

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### INTERNATIONAL MEAT COUNCIL

#### Question from New Zealand

For discussion under agenda item 2(V) of the agenda, the following question has been submitted by New Zealand:

#### EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES:

New Zealand is concerned that the various stabilization mechanisms introduced in both the sheepmeat and beef sectors within the European Community appear to be ineffective in controlling levels of production. For sheepmeat, the OECD has estimated that the EC flock will continue to increase steadily until at least 1995. For beef, several participants have raised their concerns about the alarming rate at which intervention stocks have been and are continuing to be built up. Could the Commission please supply five-year forecasts, for both beef and sheepmeat, including numbers, volume of production, consumption levels and estimated imports? In addition, for beef, could the Commission please provide estimates of export volumes and stock levels over the same five-year period?