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COMMITTEE OF THE PROTOCOL REGARDING CERTAIN CHEESES

Report to the International Dairy Council

1. In pursuance of Article VII:2(a) of the Arrangement and in accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee has prepared the present report on its sixth session.
2. The Committee held its sixth session on 18 and 19 June 1981.
3. The Committee adopted the agenda proposed in airgram GATT/AIR/1729. It also adopted the report on its fifth session.
4. The Committee reviewed replies to the questionnaire and requested members which had not yet communicated information relating to the first quarter of 1981 to do so without delay. The Committee took note of the summary tables prepared by the secretariat.
5. The Committee was informed of the results of the meeting of experts held on 17 June 1981 to examine in particular the adequacy of the questionnaires. In addition the importance was underlined of having the most detailed and fullest information possible on stocks. It was also noted that further details could be furnished regarding the various varieties of cheeses. The model questionnaire will be distributed as document DPC/C/W/4.
6. The Committee held an exchange of information and views concerning the market situation for the products covered by the Protocol. The Committee discussed in detail the question of cheese consumption. Among the salient points characterizing the present market situation, the Committee noted that international prices of the products covered by the Protocol had remained stable and that trade seemed to be continuing to progress.
7. The Committee decided to hold its next session on 28 September 1981, subject to confirmation by the secretariat.