

ARRANGEMENT REGARDING BOVINE MEAT

PREAMBLE

Convinced that increased international co-operation should be carried out in such a way as to contribute to the achievement of greater liberalization, stability and expansion in international trade in meat and live animals;

Taking into account the need to avoid serious disturbances in international trade in bovine meat and live animals;

Recognizing the importance of production and trade in bovine meat and live animals for the economies of many countries, especially for certain developed and developing countries;

Mindful of their obligations to the principles and objectives of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "General Agreement" or "GATT");¹

Determined, in carrying out the aims of this Arrangement to implement the principles and objectives agreed upon in the Tokyo Declaration of Ministers, dated 14 September 1973 concerning the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, in particular as concerns special and more favourable treatment for developing countries;

The participants in the present Arrangement have, through their representatives, agreed as follows:

PART ONE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article I

Objectives

The objectives of this Arrangement shall be:

- (1) to promote the expansion, ever greater liberalization and stability of the international meat and livestock market by facilitating the progressive dismantling of obstacles and restrictions to world trade in bovine meat

¹ This provision applies only among GATT contracting parties.