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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
AND THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

The following communication, dated 25 April 1994, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic with the request that it be circulated to the Contracting Parties.

The Slovak Republic has the honour hereby to submit, pursuant to the Article XXIV:7(a) of the General Agreement, the text of the Free Trade Agreement between the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as "Free Trade Agreement") with the annexes and protocols which form an integral part thereof.¹

The Free Trade Agreement was signed on 22 December 1993 and is being applied on provisional basis from 1 January 1994. The Free Trade Agreement applies to all products falling within the Chapter 1 to 97 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. The Parties to the Agreement shall gradually establish, in conformity with Article XXIV of the GATT, a free-trade area for substantially all the trade within the period of two years.

The Free Trade Agreement contains also provisions dealing with, *inter alia*, state monopolies, competition, state aid, public procurement and protection of intellectual property. These provisions aim at equal economic and legal framework for the economic entities of both Parties to the Agreement.

¹The text of the Agreement is being circulated as L/7448/Add.1. The Annexes and Protocols have been submitted to the Secretariat for consultation by interested contracting parties (Office 3006).