YUGOSLAVIA

The following communication, dated 18 May 1992, has been received from the United States Trade Representative.

I have been instructed by my authorities to provide you with the following statement of the position of the United States in respect of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia:

Serious questions have arisen regarding whether the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is the continuation of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for the purpose of membership in the United Nations and other international organizations such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Until such time as these questions are resolved, the participation of the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the activities of the GATT should be viewed as without prejudice to the disposition of these questions.

I also wish to inform you that the United States would support observer status in the GATT for Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Hercegovina should these republics request such status. Our support would be without prejudice to any decision that ultimately may be made on successor states or eventual contracting party status. Consequently, we would not now support any actions relating to GATT accession by these republics.