The following communication, dated 7 May 1993, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic.

I refer to the document L/7204 dated 28 April 1993 concerning the emergency action by Austria under Article XIX of the GATT in which the contracting parties were informed of its decision to introduce a global quota on imports of 60,000 tonnes of certain types of fertilizers for a twelve-month period starting on 15 April 1993, and that Austria is prepared to enter into consultations under the Article XIX with any contracting party having a substantial interest in exporting the concerned products to the Austrian market.

In accordance with the instructions of my Government, I wish to request that consultations under the provisions of the Article XIX of the GATT be held between the Slovak Republic and Austria at a date and venue to be mutually agreed upon.