CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC

Request for Participation in GATT of the Czech Republic and
and the Slovak Republic

A request by the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic for
participation in GATT has been circulated in document L/7127.

To facilitate consideration of this matter, two draft Decisions are
reproduced hereunder.

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Protocols of Accession

Draft Decision

The CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Decide to invite the secretariat to prepare draft protocols of
accession under Article XXXIII for the Czech Republic and the Slovak
Republic as well as the corresponding draft Decisions. Tariff schedules
encompassing the concessions contained in Schedule X-Czechoslovakia will be
annexed to each Protocol of Accession.

The draft Protocols of Accessions and Decisions shall be submitted for
approval by the Council of Representatives at its first meeting in 1993.
After the texts of the draft Protocols of Accession are approved, the
Decisions will be put to a vote. Once the required two-thirds majority has
been attained, the Protocols of Accession will be open for acceptance and
will enter into force thirty days after their acceptance by the Czech
Republic and the Slovak Republic, respectively.
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INTERIM APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

Draft Decision

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide, in view of the exceptional circumstances, to apply, from 1 January 1993, the General Agreement and the relevant instruments negotiated under the auspices of the GATT, to the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, on an interim basis, as if they had already acceded thereto. It shall be understood that the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic will also apply the General Agreement and the relevant instruments to the contracting parties and that their respective Protocols of Accession will provide for the acceptance and entry into force of their rights and obligations as of 1 January 1993. During the transitional period, the Governments of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic are entitled to participate in all activities of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and their subsidiary bodies but shall not participate in the decision-making process. This transitional arrangement shall expire on the date of entry into force of the respective Protocols of Accession to the General Agreement of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, or on 1 May 1993, whichever date is the earlier.