COMMUNICATION FROM THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC

Preliminary conditional offer by the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic concerning initial commitments to trade in services

The following communication is circulated at the request of the delegation of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

1. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) recognizes that a comprehensive regime for progressive liberalization on trade in services is an important part of the Uruguay Round negotiations.

2. At this stage of negotiations the CSFR submits her initial offer of commitments and a more detailed offer will be submitted later.

3. The CSFR is prepared as an initial commitment under the General Agreement on Trade in Services to bind its present market access and national treatment conditions in some services sectors to be covered by the Agreement.

4. The ongoing economic reform envisages the liberalization of further service sectors covered by the Agreement. The new legislation for several service sectors aiming at its liberalization is under preparation. After the approval of the respective legislative authorities these service sectors will be included into the Agreement.

5. The offer is made subject to agreement on an acceptable framework agreement or sectoral annexes for the sectors where such annexes are found necessary.

6. This offer is conditional upon a satisfactory outcome of the current negotiations on trade in services. The CSFR therefore reserves the right to modify, supplement, reduce or withdraw this offer in view of the progress of negotiations on the framework agreement and the sectoral annexes.