

TRADE POLICY REVIEW MECHANISM

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Communication from the Discussant

In pursuance of Annex 3, paragraph C (iv) of the WTO Agreement, the following are the main points to be raised by the discussant, Mr. Claes Ljungdahl (Sweden), at the Trade Policy Review of the Slovak Republic on 21 and 23 November 2001.

It is recalled that the discussant acts in his personal capacity. He intends to divide his remarks largely along the following lines:

1. Economic Environment:
 - rapid transformation into a market economy;
 - macroeconomic situation;
 - structural reforms; and
 - direction of trade.
 2. Trade Policy Regime and Measures:
 - participation in the multilateral trading system and in regional initiatives;
 - measures at the border;
 - state aid; and
 - recent changes on intellectual property and competition legislation.
 3. Sectoral Policies:
 - agriculture; and
 - services.
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