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Notification from the Parties

The following communication, dated 23 February 2004, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Slovenia, on behalf of the Parties to the Central European Free Trade Agreement (Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic and Slovenia).

Pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIV:7(a) of the GATT 1994 and the Understanding on the Interpretation of Article XXIV of the GATT 1994 and with reference to the communication made by the CEFTA Parties on 20 June 1994¹, the information submitted by the Representative of the Slovak Republic to the Council for Trade in Goods on 22 May 1996 about the completion of the CEFTA by provisions of Article 39 (a)² and the communications by the Parties to the CEFTA contained in WT/REG11/2 and WT/REG11/N/1-3 and WT/REG11/N/5, the official text of the Agreement on Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, signed on 5 December 2002, is attached*.

¹ L/7495 and L/7495/Add.1

² G/C/M/10

* The Agreement is circulated in document WT/REG11/12.