COUNCIL

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Following the authorisation given by the Council at its meeting on 22 February 1996 [C/NM(96)21], members of the Council will find herewith the text of the letter of the Secretary-General, dated 14 March 1996, replying to a letter of the Prime Minister of Slovenia of the same day. These letters were exchanged on 14 March 1996 and constitute an administrative framework agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the OECD which will enter into force on the date on which the Government of Slovenia will inform the OECD of the completion of the internal procedures for its entry into force.
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Sir,

On behalf of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today which reads as follows:

"I refer to the discussions which have taken place between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) concerning their co-operation, which is in support of the transition of the Republic of Slovenia and in furtherance of the aims and principles of the OECD.

This co-operation has now reached a significant level, particularly with the establishment of a country-specific programme for the Republic of Slovenia. To promote efficiency and effectiveness of that co-operation, which both the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the OECD confirm is in their mutual interest, I propose that an administrative framework be put in place, with the following elements.

First, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Secretariat of the OECD will review annually the implementation of co-operation and discuss future prospects. In determining the activities to be undertaken, the current economic priorities of the Republic of Slovenia and the objectives and resources of the OECD will be taken into account.

Second, in light of the co-operation which has been established, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is an officially recognised intergovernmental organisation in the Republic of Slovenia, to which the Government of Slovenia assures the legal capacity, and appropriate privileges, exemptions and immunities. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall maintain in force an agreement with the OECD to that effect.

Third, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia will provide OECD, in a timely and effective manner, the economic, social and other information the OECD may request to carry out its programmes of co-operation. It will ensure access, as necessary or useful, of OECD staff and consultants to all relevant government and government agency officials. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia will also ensure that relevant government and government agency officials participate in policy discussions with the OECD, including on the evolution of the economy of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Fourth, as necessary and useful, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia will facilitate the procurement of goods, services and facilities needed to carry out the co-operation programmes and will assist in interpretation and for translation into or from Slovenian language into or from the official languages of the OECD of meetings or of documents necessary to carry out the programmes.

Fifth, the following procedure for communication will be maintained for the programmes of co-operation:

-- the Government of the Republic of Slovenia designates the Office for European Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to act as the main channel of communications, on the Slovenian side, on all matters related to co-operation with the OECD within the framework of the Centre for Co-operation with the Economies in Transition (CCET) programme. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall also designate officials in each relevant ministry or other public institution to act as co-ordinators on co-operation with the OECD, and to provide information and generally assist OECD in its dealings with such ministries and institutions, including in setting up missions and projects and in formulating requests for assistance within the overall framework of the co-operation programme;

-- the OECD designates the Director of the CCET to act as the main channel of communications, on its side, on all matters related to co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Slovenia within the framework of the CCET programme;

-- the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the OECD may change their designated main channel at any time by written notice. This main channel shall be without prejudice to direct contacts and collaboration of ministries and public institutions of the Republic of Slovenia with OECD Directorates and other OECD bodies and to direct contacts and collaboration of OECD with other relevant ministries and public institutions of the Republic of Slovenia; and

-- The Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the International Energy Agency (IEA), an autonomous agency within the framework of the OECD, shall each designate an official to act as the channel of communication for all matters related to co-operation with the IEA, without prejudice to direct contacts and collaboration of ministries and public institutions of the Republic of Slovenia with IEA offices and bodies and to direct contacts and collaboration of IEA with other relevant ministries and public institutions of the Republic of Slovenia.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your favourable reply constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. This agreement shall enter into force on the date on which the Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall inform the OECD of the completion of the internal procedures for its entry into force and may be terminated at any time by either party upon two months’ notice to the other. In the event of termination, the Parties shall promptly settle all outstanding matters."
The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development accepts the terms of co-operation as stated in your letter of 14 March 1996. Accordingly, that letter and this reply constitute an agreement between the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Republic of Slovenia, with effect from the date on which the Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall inform the OECD of the completion of the internal procedures for its entry into force.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Jean-Claude Paye
Secretary-General