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PORTUGAL, SPAIN,
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND SLOVAKIA**

**Europe Agreement establishing an Association between the
European Communities and their member States, of the
one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part
(with annexes, protocols and final act). Concluded at
Luxembourg on 4 October 1993**

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Greek, Portuguese and Slovak.¹*

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ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD ET SLOVAQUIE**

Accord européen établissant une Association entre les Communautés européennes et leurs Etats membres, d'une part, et la République slovaque, d'autre part (avec annexes, protocoles et acte final). Conclu à Luxembourg le 4 octobre 1993

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EUROPE AGREEMENT¹ ESTABLISHING AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THEIR MEMBER STATES, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, OF THE OTHER PART

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

IRELAND,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1995, i.e., the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties had notified each other that it had been approved pursuant to their own procedures, in accordance with article 123:

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Date of the notification</i>
Belgium	1 December 1994	Luxembourg	7 December 1994
Denmark	27 December 1993	Netherlands	18 July 1994
European Union	21 December 1994	Portugal	4 August 1994
France	6 September 1994	Slovakia	4 August 1994
Germany	22 November 1994	Spain	22 November 1994
Greece	6 December 1994	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	28 March 1994
Ireland	23 June 1994		
Italy	25 November 1994		

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

Contracting Parties to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,¹ the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community² and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,³

hereinafter referred to as "Member States", and

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY, THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as "the Community",

of the one part,

AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

of the other part,

CONSIDERING the importance of the links existing between the Community, its Member States and the Slovak Republic and the common values that they share;

RECOGNIZING that the Community and the Slovak Republic wish to strengthen these links and to establish close and lasting relations, based on reciprocity, which would allow the Slovak Republic to take part in the process of European integration, thus strengthening and widening the relations established in the past notably by the Agreement on Trade and Commercial and Economic Co-operation, signed between the Community and the Czech

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 298, p. 3 (English translation); vol. 294, p. 3 (authentic French text); vol. 295, p. 2 (authentic German text); vol. 296, p. 2 (authentic Italian text); vol. 297, p. 2 (authentic Dutch text); vol. 1376, p. 138 (authentic Danish text); vol. 1377, p. 6 (authentic English text); vol. 1378, p. 6 (authentic Irish text); vol. 1383, p. 146 (authentic Greek text); vol. 1452, p. 306 (authentic Portuguese text); and vol. 1453, p. 332 (authentic Spanish text).

² *Ibid.*, vol. 261, p. 140.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 298, p. 167 (English translation); vol. 294, p. 259 (authentic French text); vol. 295, p. 259 (authentic German text); vol. 296, p. 259 (authentic Italian text); vol. 297, p. 259 (authentic Dutch text); vol. 1376, p. 138 (authentic Danish text); vol. 1377, p. 6 (authentic English text); vol. 1378, p. 6 (authentic Irish text); vol. 1383, p. 146 (authentic Greek text); vol. 1452, p. 306 (authentic Portuguese text); and vol. 1453, p. 332 (authentic Spanish text).

and Slovak Federal Republic on 7 May 1990,¹ and by the Interim Agreement between the Community and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic which entered into force on 1 March 1992;

RECOGNIZING that the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic as of 1 January 1993 prior to the entry into force of the Europe Agreement signed between the Community and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic on 16 December 1991 has made it necessary to conclude separate Europe Agreements with each of the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic;

CONSIDERING the opportunities for a relationship of a new quality offered by the emergence of a new democracy in the Slovak Republic;

CONSIDERING the commitment of the Community and its Member States and of the Slovak Republic to strengthening the political and economic freedoms which constitute the very basis of the Association;

RECOGNIZING the establishment in the Slovak Republic of a new political order which respects the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities, and operates a multi-party system with free and democratic elections;

ACKNOWLEDGING the readiness of the Community to contribute to the strengthening of this new democratic order as well as to support the creation in the Slovak Republic of a new economic order founded upon the principles of a free market economy;

CONSIDERING the firm commitment of the Community and its Member States and of the Slovak Republic to the full implementation of all principles and provisions contained in particular in the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

¹ Registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations on 15 January 1997 under No. I-33521.