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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Ministry's Note of 6 March 1997, which reads as follows:

"The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. In order to further develop contacts and co-operation between Norway and Slovenia, the Ministry has the honour to propose that the following agreements concluded between Norway and the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be applied provisionally between the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Slovenia, hereinafter referred to as the Parties, as of the date of independence of the Republic of Slovenia, until they are replaced by new agreements between the Parties on the respective subject matters:

- 1. Trade Agreement, signed in Belgrade on 30 May 1956.
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Pending conclusion of negotiations on and entry into force of the Annex on Maritime Transport Services to the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) in the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Parties agree to apply in their maritime transport services relations, as a minimum, most favoured nation (MFN) treatment.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway has the honour to propose that the present Note, together with the Note in reply to that effect, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the Parties, which shall enter into force on the date of the reply note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia the assurances of its highest consideration."

In reply the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia has the honour to inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway that this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and that your Note, together with this reply, constitutes an Agreement between the Republic of Slovenia and the Kingdom of Norway which shall enter into force on the date of this Note.

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Ljubljana, 6 March 1997

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Oslo, 6 March 1997