FINANCING MEMORANDUM

The European Commission, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMISSION", acting for and on behalf of the European Community, hereinafter referred to as "THE COMMUNITY" on the one part, and

The Government of Slovakia, hereinafter referred to as "THE RECIPIENT" on the other part,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

The measure referred to in Article I below shall be executed and financed out of the budget resources of THE COMMUNITY in accordance with the provisions set out in this Memorandum. The technical, legal, and administrative framework within which the measure referred to in Article 1 below shall be implemented is set out in the General Conditions annexed to the Framework Agreement between THE COMMISSION and THE RECIPIENT, and supplemented by the terms of this Memorandum and the Special Provisions annexed hereto.

ARTICLE 1 - NATURE AND SUBJECT

As part of its aid programme, THE COMMUNITY shall contribute, by way of grant, towards the financing of the following MEASURE:

Programme number: SR0018

Title: Participation of Slovakia in 2001 in the Community programmes: 5th Framework Programme on research and technological development, Fiscalis, Leonardo da Vinci II, Socrates II, Youth and Culture 2000

Duration: Until 31/12/2001

ARTICLE 2 - COMMITMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

The financial contribution of THE COMMUNITY is fixed at a maximum of € 7,347,218 hereinafter referred to as "THE EC GRANT".

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION AND EXPIRY

For the present MEASURE, THE EC GRANT is hereby available for contracting until 31/12/2001 subject to the provisions of his Memorandum. All contracts must be signed by this date. Any balance of funds of the EC GRANT which have not been contracted by this date shall be cancelled. The deadline for disbursement of THE EC GRANT is 31/12/2002. All disbursements must be completed by the deadline for disbursement. THE COMMISSION may however, in exceptional circumstances, agree to an appropriate extension of the contracting period or of the disbursement period, should this be requested in due time and properly justified by THE RECIPIENT. This Memorandum shall expire at the expiry of the disbursement period of the EC GRANT. All the funds which have not been disbursed shall be returned to the Commission.
ARTICLE 4 - ADDRESSES

Correspondence relating to the execution of THE MEASURE, stating THE MEASURE'S number and title, shall be addressed to the following:

for the COMMUNITY:

Mr. Walter ROCHEL
Head of EC Delegation
Panska 3
81101 BRATISLAVA

for THE RECIPIENT:

Minister Pavol Hamzik
Deputy Prime Minister of Slovak Government
National Coordinator of the EU Phare Programme
Namestie Slobody 1
81106 BRATISLAVA
Slovak Republic

ARTICLE 5 - NUMBER OF ORIGINALS

This Memorandum is drawn up in duplicate in the English language.

ARTICLE 6 - ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date on which it has been signed by both parties. No expenditure incurred before this date is eligible for the EC GRANT.

The Annexes shall be deemed an integral part of this Memorandum.

Done at Bratislava.

Date

for THE RECIPIENT

Pavol Hamzik
Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic
Annex A & B of the Framework Agreement
Annex C Special conditions and Annexes I-VIII
Annex D Visibility/Publicity

Done at Bratislava.

Date 21.12.2000

for THE COMMUNITY