illegal activities and cultural matters;

Whereas the Europe Agreement is intended to establish close and lasting relations, based on reciprocity, which should allow Slovenia to take part in the process of European integration;

Whereas it is necessary to ensure the development of trade links by strengthening and widening the relations established previously, notably by the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Slovenia signed on 5 April 1993, which entered into force on 1 September 1993;

Whereas to this end it is necessary to implement as speedily as possible, by means of an Interim Agreement, provisions of the Europe Agreement on trade and trade related matters;

Whereas it is necessary to ensure that pending the entry into force of the Europe Agreement and the establishment of the Association Council, the Cooperation Council set up by the Cooperation Agreement can exercise the powers assigned by the Europe Agreement to the Association Council which are necessary in order to implement the Interim Agreement,

Have decided to conclude this Agreement and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries,

The European Community:

The European Coal and Steel Community;

The European Atomic Energy Community;

The Republic of Slovenia;

Who, having exchanged their full powers, formed in good and due form,

Have agreed as follows:

## TITLE 1

## General Principles

## Article 1 (Europe Agreement (EA) 2)

Respect for the democratic principles and human rights as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human rights and as defined in the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris for a new Europe, as well as the principles of market economy as reflected in the Document of the CSCE Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation, shall form the basis of the domestic and external policies of the Parties and constitute essential elements of this Agreement.

## TITLE II

Free Movement of Goods