

Presentation of Slovakia in Cuba and Mexico

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CUBA

Andrea Gulova, assigned Chief Executive Officer of the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO) was a member of the Slovak delegation under the auspices of the Slovak Ministry of Economy in Cuba. Aim of the mission was to evaluate the implementation of tasks deriving from the First council of the inter-governmental commission of the SR and Cuban Republic, and to prepare the second council meeting taking place in 2011 in Bratislava. Director General of International Trade Section of the Ministry of Economy, Mrs. Eva Szaboova was the Chief Representative of the Slovak mission.

During the mutual meetings, representatives of the Cuban ministry of foreign trade and foreign investments have informed the Slovak partners about the state of fulfilling the commitments based on the first council meeting. Representatives expressed their hope for fulfilling entirely all their commitments after the debt settlement by the Cuban side by the end of this year.

The Slovak delegation has also informed about its own commitments and emphasized that adherence of the installment calendar is inevitable precondition for further development of mutual trade. At the same time, the delegation proposed that the Cuban side could use its purposeful contacts in other Latin-American countries to mediate Slovak product supplies also to the markets of these countries. The proposed form of cooperation directed towards third markets could contribute to the Cuban side's financial liability payments towards the SR.

Eva Szaboova has opened "the Slovak Day" at the international fair FIHAV in Havana in the presence of Cuban representatives. Andrea Gulova during a meeting with CEPEC – Agency of the ministry of foreign trade and foreign investments - has negotiated possible forms of cooperation for enhancing mutual trade in the in the coming period.

MEXICO

Delegation of the Slovak Ministry of Economy under the leadership of Eva Szaboova has conducted a Second meeting of the Common Economic Commission between the United Mexican States and the Slovak Republic. The Mexican side was led by the Director General of the Foreign Trade Section of the Mexican Ministry of Economy Mr. Manuel Luna, the business community was represented by the Vice-Presidents of the Mexican National Council for Foreign Trade (COMCE) and other state institutions were present via representatives of the Mexican MFA and State agency for the support of foreign trade and investments PROMÉXICO.

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During the Commission meeting, a seminar took place organized by the economic counselor of the Ministry of Economy of SR in Mexico, where Andrea Gulova presented the trade and investment conditions and opportunities in SR. Besides business representatives and representatives of the banking sphere Senator of the United Mexican States Mr. Jose Antonio Reyes was also present at the seminar. Mr. Reyes has highly appreciated the negotiations with the Slovak delegation as part of the intention to create new conditions for international trade and economic cooperation.

The Second Commission meeting between the United Mexican States and the SR ended with signing a concluding protocol, which included specific topics and projects focusing on the improvement of mutual trade and expanding contacts between Mexican and Slovak businesses. Similarly an agreement was concluded that both parties will support cooperation on third markets, Slovakia in the CEE region and Mexico in countries of NAFTA and Central America.



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