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To: Fiona Marshall  
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Subject: update: VI/8i Slovakia

Dear Ms. Marshall,

as requested, I would like to provide you with an update on the legislative process to amend the Atomic Act in the light of the Second Progress Review.

In its Second Progress Review (para. 55), the Committee asked the Slovak Republic either to:

(a) explain how the exemptions from disclosure for “telecommunications secrets” and “postal secrets” in paragraphs 11-13 of article 8 of the Atomic Act are consistent with the exhaustive list of grounds for refusal in articles 4(3) and 4(4) of the Convention;

or

(b) provide evidence that the exemptions from disclosure for “telecommunications secrets” and “postal secrets” in paragraphs 11-13 of article 8 of the Atomic Act have by that date been deleted.

In order to implement the Committee’s recommendations, a legislative process focusing inter alia on the changes of these provisions was initiated in January 2021. I sent the respective information on January 11, 2021:  
[https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/frPartyVI.8i\\_11.01.2021\\_update.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/frPartyVI.8i_11.01.2021_update.pdf)

The legislative changes concerning the Atomic Act are part of a larger legislative initiative, which has not been completed yet, i. e. it has not been adopted yet.

Please find attached the text of the proposed amendment (in Slovak) in attachment. It focuses specifically on the implementation of para. 55 (b) of the Second Progress Review, i. e. on the deletion of the reference to telecommunications and postal secrets from the text of the Atomic Act.

Please find the English translation below:

"After the words "trade secrets" in § 8 (11), (12), (13), a comma and the words "telecommunications secret, postal secret" are deleted."

Best wishes,

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