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on the organisation of Government activities and the organisation of central State administration

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has adopted the following Act:

**DIVISION ONE
GOVERNMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**Section 1
Activities of the Government of the Slovak Republic**

(1) The activities of the Government of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as 'Government') shall be managed by the prime minister, who shall convene and chair the meetings thereof.

(2) Defined areas of the Government's activities shall be coordinated by the deputy prime minister, who shall also perform the tasks delegated to him by the Government or the prime minister.

(3) In the prime minister's absence, the deputy prime minister designated by the prime minister shall deputise for him. The deputising deputy prime minister shall convene and chair Government meetings.

Section 1a

Government meetings shall be held *in camera*. This shall be without prejudice to the Government's obligation to publish the texts of materials pursuant to a special regulation.¹⁾

Section 1aa

The Government shall ordinarily take decisions in the form of Government resolutions; Government resolutions shall not be judicially reviewable.^{1aa)}

Section 1b

Tasks associated with professional, organisational and technical arrangements for the Government's activities shall be carried out by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic; the Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall also carry out tasks for the prime minister and his executive body.

**Section 2
Government advisory bodies**

(1) The Government may appoint and remove representatives to carry out specific tasks. The Government shall determine the scope of a representative's authorisation upon his appointment.

(2) The Government may establish Government advisory bodies (councils). Government advisory bodies shall carry out coordinating, consultative or professional tasks.

(3) The Legislative Council of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Economic Council of the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Council of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Human Rights, National Minorities and Gender Equality, and the Council of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Science, Technology and Innovation shall be permanent Government advisory bodies.

(4) Members of the Government, State secretaries, elected and appointed officials of public authorities, employees of bodies of State administration, representatives of local government, representatives of social partners, and significant experts in theory and practice may be a member of a Government advisory body.

(5) Members of interministerial Government advisory bodies shall be appointed from members of the Government. Participation in an interministerial Government advisory body shall not be by proxy.

(6) Members of other Government advisory bodies shall be appointed from the persons referred to in paragraph (4); they shall be headed by a member of the Government or a State secretary.

(7) The tasks and composition of Government advisory bodies and principles of procedure shall be laid down by statutes, which shall be subject to the Government's approval.

DIVISION TWO MINISTRIES

Section 3 Ministries

The following ministries, headed by a member of the Government, shall operate in the Slovak Republic:

- (a) Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic;
- (b) Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic;
- (c) Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic;
- (d) Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic;
- (e) Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic;
- (f) Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic;
- (g) Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic;
- (h) Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic;
- (i) Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic;
- (j) Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic;
- (k) Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic;
- (l) Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic;
- (m) Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic.

Organisation of ministries

Section 4

(1) A ministry shall be managed by a minister, who shall be responsible for its activities.

(2) In a minister's absence, a State secretary shall deputise for him to the extent of that minister's rights and obligations. A minister may also delegate a State secretary to deputise for him, to the extent of that minister's rights and obligations, in other cases. When deputising for a minister, a State secretary shall attend Government meetings in an advisory capacity.

(3) A State secretary shall be appointed and removed by the Government on a proposal from the competent

minister. In justified cases, including but not limited to cases where ministries have multiple portfolios, the Government may determine that a ministry is to have two State secretaries; the minister shall determine in which matters and in which order the State secretaries are to deputise for him. The Government may determine that a ministry is to temporarily have three State secretaries if one of them is designated solely to carry out tasks associated with the Slovak Republic's presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Section 5

- (1) A ministry shall be divided into sections and departments and, where appropriate, other organisational services.
- (2) Sections shall be established in particular for individual areas of the industry's activities. A section shall be managed by a director-general.
- (3) Sections may be divided into offices, departments or other organisational units of that standing. An office, department or other organisational unit shall be managed by a director.
- (4) A ministry shall have advisory bodies established pursuant to special regulations.^{1a)} A minister may also establish further advisory bodies.
- (5) A ministry's organisational structure shall be determined by the ministry's rules of organisation, which shall be issued by the minister.

Section 6

Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic

The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) industry, other than wood processing, biotechnologies, the food sector and construction products;
- (b) energy, including the management of nuclear fuel and the storage of radioactive waste; energy efficiency;
- (c) the heat and gas sectors;
- (d) the extraction and treatment of solid fuels; the extraction of oil, natural gas, metalliferous and non-metalliferous raw materials, and radioactive raw materials;
- (e) the support of small and medium-sized entrepreneurship, including the support of food products not classified within Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the support of wood processing and biotechnologies;
- (f) strategy to create a business environment; support of the business environment, including support of the food business environment, the products of which are not classified within Annex I to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and the business environment in wood processing and biotechnologies;
- (g) internal trade; external trade, including trade in defence-related products and external trade policy-making; consumer protection, other than consumer protection in the provision of financial services; coordination of the European Union's internal market policy;
- (h) the protection and use of mineral resources, including the principal supervision of the protection and the use of mineral deposits;
- (i) the principal supervision of occupational safety and health and operational safety in mining activities and activities performed by mining methods, and in the use of explosives;
- (j) the hallmarking and testing of precious metals;
- (k) controls of the prohibition of the development, manufacture, storage and use of, and trade in, chemical weapons and the precursors required for the manufacture thereof;
- (l) the management of economic mobilisation tasks;
- (m) the denationalisation and privatisation of State assets; the administration of State assets in the business sphere;
- (n) strategy for the creation and implementation of innovations in areas pursuant to subparagraphs (a) to (d).

Section 7
Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic

- (1) The Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for finance, taxes and charges, customs, financial control, internal auditing and government auditing. The Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic shall also be the central body of State administration for prices and price control, other than the prices and price control of goods covered by special legislative acts.
- (2) The Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for:
- (a) making and implementing policy in the areas pursuant to paragraph (1), including the budgeting of the aggregate deficit of the public budget, the creation and implementation of the central government budget, the financial market policy, including consumer protection in the provision of financial services, and the policy for the management of public administration assets in the public-service and non-business sphere;
 - (b) State administration related to the administration of State financial assets and liabilities of the Slovak Republic, mortgage banking, building society savings schemes, other than the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes, foreign-exchange management and foreign-exchange control, uniform accounting and financial reporting, and gambling;
 - (c) State administration of social insurance, compliance with conditions precedent to the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes, compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of the State contribution to mortgage loans, the activities of Exportno-importná banka Slovenskej republiky, and the financial management of Sociálna poisťovňa.

Section 8
Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic

- (1) The Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:
- (a) rail systems and transport on rail systems;
 - (b) road transport;
 - (c) combined transport;
 - (d) road infrastructure;
 - (e) inland navigation and ports; maritime shipping;
 - (f) civil aviation;
 - (g) post;
 - (h) telecommunications;
 - (i) public works;
 - (j) the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof;
 - (k) construction output and construction products;
 - (l) the making and implementation of housing policy;
 - (m) the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes and the State contribution to mortgage loans;
 - (n) tourism;
 - (o) the energy performance of buildings;
 - (p) the making and implementation of urban development policy.
- (2) The Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic shall act as the State transport authority and maritime authority.

Section 9
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic

- (1) The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) agriculture;
- (b) forestry;
- (c) land consolidation and the protection of agricultural land;
- (d) irrigation systems and drainage systems;
- (e) veterinary controls, veterinary inspections and veterinary supervision;
- (f) phytosanitary care;
- (g) breeding supervision;
- (h) fisheries in the fields of aquaculture and sea fisheries;
- (i) hunting;
- (j) the food sector and food supervision;
- (k) wood processing, including biotechnologies;
- (l) regional development, other than the coordination of preparations for the regional development policy and the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds.

(2) The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic shall carry out tasks associated with rural development.

Section 11

Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic

The Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) the protection of the constitutional order, public policy, and the safety of persons and property; the protection and administration of State borders; the safety and flow of road traffic; the protection of the safety and flow of rail transport; matters related to firearms and ammunition; private security services; entry into the Slovak Republic and the residing of foreign nationals therein; identity cards, travel documents and driving licences; matters related to recognised refugees and displaced persons; the population register; the register of road motor vehicles and trailers; the integrated rescue system; civil protection; protection from fire;
- (b) general internal administration, including matters related to the Slovak Republic's organisation of territory and administration; State symbols; the heraldic register; archives and registries; State citizenship; registration-related matters; assembly and association, including the registration of certain legal persons as laid down by a legislative act; organisational arrangements for elections to the National Council of the Slovak Republic; organisational arrangements for elections of the president of the Slovak Republic and referendums concerning his removal; organisational arrangements for elections to bodies of local government; organisational arrangements for referendums; organisational arrangements for elections to the European Parliament; war graves; licensed trading; permission for public collections; the coordination of State administration carried out by citizens, higher territorial units and bodies of local State administration;
- (c) the Police Force and the Fire and Rescue Service;
- (d) the coordination of the training of the employees of municipalities and higher territorial units carrying out State administration tasks.

Section 12

Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) the management and control of the defence of the Slovak Republic;
- (b) the building, management and control of the armed forces of the Slovak Republic;
- (c) the coordination of the activities and controls of bodies of State administration, bodies of local government and other legal persons in preparation for the defence of the Slovak Republic;
- (d) the coordination of defence planning;
- (e) ensuring the inviolability of the Slovak Republic's airspace;
- (f) the coordination of military air traffic with civil air traffic;
- (g) military intelligence;
- (h) alternative service.

(2) The Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the administration of military proving grounds and military forests.

Section 13

Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for courts and prisons.

(2) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall prepare legislation relating to constitutional law, criminal law, civil law, commercial law, family law, competition law, and private international law.

(3) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall conduct State supervision of the activities of the Slovak Chamber of Enforcement Officers, the activities of the Chamber of Notaries of the Slovak Republic and, to the extent laid down by law, the activities of bailiffs and the activities of notaries.

(4) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall conduct controls, to the extent laid down by law, of compliance with conditions pertaining to the organisation and course of voluntary auctions.

(5) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall conduct controls, to the extent laid down by law, of permanent arbitration body founders, permanent arbitration bodies, and arbitrators, and shall exercise disciplinary powers over arbitrators with jurisdiction in consumer disputes.

(6) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the performance of expert activity, translation activity and interpreting activity, and for the publication of the Collection of Legislative Acts of the Slovak Republic and the Trade Journal.

(7) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the representation of the Slovak Republic at the European Court of Human Rights and the representation of the Slovak Republic in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

(8) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the performance of tasks associated with the Slovak Republic's Eurojust membership.

(9) The Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the making and implementation of State policy and the coordination of the performance of tasks related to human rights.

Section 14

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for the Slovak Republic's foreign policy and relations with other States, international organisations and groupings, and European institutions.

(2) The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for:

- (a) the protection of the rights and interests of the Slovak Republic and its citizens abroad;
- (b) the management of the Slovak Republic's diplomatic missions;
- (c) liaison with the bodies and representatives of foreign States in the Slovak Republic and abroad;
- (d) the management and disposal of the Slovak Republic's assets abroad which fall within its administration;
- (e) the coordination of preparations for and the national consultation, conclusion, promulgation, implementation and termination of international treaties;
- (f) development cooperation;
- (g) the coordination of the implementation of European Union policies;
- (h) the implementation of State policy in relation to Slovaks residing abroad;

- (i) the coordination of the promotion of the Slovak Republic's trade and economic interests abroad and the uniform presentation of the Slovak Republic abroad.

Section 15

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) labour-law relations and legal relations of the elected officials of local government bodies;
- (b) occupational safety and health;
- (c) the inspection of labour;
- (d) employment strategy, the coordination of the production thereof, and labour market policy;
- (e) social insurance, old-age pension savings and complementary retirement savings;
- (f) State social benefits, social services, the promotion of the social inclusion of natural persons with severe disabilities in society, and hardship assistance;
- (g) child protection under social law, social guardianship, and the coordination of State family policy;
- (h) gender equality and equal opportunities, and the coordination of State policy in this area;
- (i) the social economy.

(2) The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for the State supervision of social insurance and shall supervise the provision of social services.

Section 16

Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic

The Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for the creation and protection of the environment, including:

- (a) the protection of nature and the landscape;
- (b) water management, flood protection, protection of the quality and quantity of water and rational use thereof, and fisheries, other than aquaculture and sea fisheries;
- (c) the protection of the air, the ozone layer, and the Earth's climate system;
- (d) the environmental aspects of spatial planning;
- (e) waste management;
- (f) environmental impact assessments;
- (g) the provision of a uniform information system on the environment and blanket monitoring;
- (h) geological research and surveying;
- (i) the protection and regulation of trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora;
- (j) genetically modified organisms.

Section 17

Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) nursery schools, primary schools, secondary schools, primary art schools, language schools and higher-education institutions;
- (b) school facilities;
- (c) lifelong learning;
- (d) science and technology;
- (e) the State care of young people and sport.

Section 18
Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) the State language;
- (b) the protection of monuments, cultural heritage and library science;
- (c) art;
- (d) copyright and related rights;
- (e) cultural-awareness-raising activities and folk artwork;
- (f) the presentation of Slovak culture abroad;
- (g) relations with churches and religious communities;
- (h) the media and audiovisual;
- (i) the promotion of the culture of national minorities.

(2) The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic shall methodologically manage the activities of Slovak institutions abroad in relation to their cultural pursuits.

Section 19
Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic

The Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) health care;
- (b) the protection of health;
- (c) public health insurance;
- (d) the further training of health professionals;
- (e) natural curative baths, natural curative sources, natural mineral waters;
- (f) the pricing policy relating to the prices of products, services and procedures in the health sector and relating to prices for the lease of non-residential premises in healthcare facilities;
- (g) controls of the prohibition of biological weapons.

DIVISION THREE
OTHER CENTRAL BODIES OF STATE ADMINISTRATION

Section 21
Other central bodies of State administration

The following central bodies of State administration shall operate in the Slovak Republic:

- (a) Government Office of the Slovak Republic;
- (b) Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic;
- (c) Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic;
- (d) Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic;
- (e) Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic;
- (f) Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing;
- (g) Office for Public Procurement;
- (h) Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic;
- (i) Administration of State Material Reserves of the Slovak Republic;
- (j) National Security Authority;
- (k) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation.

Organisation of other central bodies of State administration

Section 22

(1) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall be headed by a manager, who shall be accountable to the prime minister for the performance of his duties. The manager of the Government Office of the Slovak

Republic shall be appointed and removed by the Government.

(2) The Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic and the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic shall be headed by a chairman, who shall be appointed and removed by the President of the Slovak Republic on a proposal from the Government. The term of office of the chairman of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic shall be five years.^{1b)}

(3) The National Security Authority shall be headed by a director, who shall be elected and removed by the National Council of the Slovak Republic pursuant to a special regulation.^{1c)}

(4) The Office for Public Procurement shall be headed by a chairman, who shall be elected and removed by the National Council of the Slovak Republic on a proposal from the Government pursuant to a special regulation.^{1ca)}

(5) The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation shall be headed by a manager, who shall be appointed and removed by the Government on a proposal from the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation. The manager shall be accountable to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation for the performance of his duties.

(6) Other central bodies of State administration referred to in Section 21(d) to (f), (h) and (i) shall be headed by a chairman, who shall be appointed and removed by the Government. The chairman shall be accountable to the Government for the performance of his duties.

(7) In a chairman's absence, a deputy chairman shall deputise for him to the extent of that chairman's rights and obligations. A chairman may also delegate a deputy chairman to deputise for him, to the extent of that chairman's rights and obligations, in other cases. A deputy chairman shall be appointed and removed by the Government on a proposal from the competent chairman, save as otherwise provided for by a special regulation.^{1cb)} The deputy chairman of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic shall be appointed and removed by the chairman of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic.

(8) In the absence of the manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, a deputy or a subordinate civil servant^{1cc)} designated by the manager shall deputise for him to the extent of that manager's rights and obligations. The manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic may also delegate a deputy or designated civil servant to deputise for him, to the extent of that manager's rights and obligations, in other cases. The deputy manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall be appointed and removed by the manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

Section 23

(1) Section 5 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the structure of a central body of State administration.

(2) The organisational structure of a central body of State administration shall be determined by the rules of organisation issued by the manager, chairman or director of the respective central body of State administration.

Section 24

Government Office of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic, in addition to the performance of tasks referred to in Section 1b, shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) civil-service employment relations and legal relations in the performance of work in the public interest;
- (b) controls of the performance of tasks associated with State administration and controls of the processing of petitions and complaints.

(2) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall control the performance of tasks deriving from the Government's policy statement and Government resolutions.

(3) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall coordinate the preparation of fundamental measures to safeguard the economic and social policy of the Slovak Republic.

(4) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for and shall coordinate the protection of the European Union's financial interests.

(5) The Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall coordinate the preparation of regional development policies.

Section 25 **Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic**

The Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for the protection and support of competition.

Section 26 **Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic**

The Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for State statistics.

Section 28 **Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic**

The Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for geodesy, cartography and the property register.

Section 29 **Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic**

(1) The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for nuclear supervision.

(2) The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for State supervision of the nuclear safety of nuclear installations, including the management of radioactive waste and spent fuel and other stages of the fuel cycle, State supervision of nuclear materials, including controls and the record-keeping thereof, and State supervision of the physical protection provided for nuclear installations and nuclear materials by the holder of the relevant permit. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic shall be responsible for assessments of plans pursued under the nuclear energy programme and the quality of selected nuclear technology installations and equipment, and the Slovak Republic's commitments under international treaties on the nuclear safety of nuclear installations and the management of nuclear materials.

Section 30 **Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing**

(1) The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing shall be the central body of State administration for technical standardisation, metrology, quality, conformity assessment and the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

(2) The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing shall draw up a concept of State policy, carry out

methodological activities and supervise the performance of tasks related to standardisation, metrology, quality, conformity assessment and the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.

Section 31
Office for Public Procurement

The Office for Public Procurement shall be the central body of State administration for public procurement.

Section 32
Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

(1) The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for industrial property.

(2) The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic shall carry out central State administration related to the protection of inventions, utility models, designs, topographies of semiconductor products, trademarks, designations of origin of and geographical indications.

(3) The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic shall manage a central collection of patent literature and shall be responsible for the exchange and disclosure of information related to industrial rights.

Section 33
Administration of State Material Reserves of the Slovak Republic

The Administration of State Material Reserves of the Slovak Republic shall be the central body of State administration for State material reserves and for the coordination and guidance of measures to address an oil supply emergency.

Section 34
National Security Authority

The National Security Authority shall be the central body of State administration for the protection of secrets, the encryption service, cybersecurity, and trust services.

Section 34a
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation

(1) The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation shall be the central body of State administration for:

- (a) the management, coordination and supervision of the use of financial resources from European Union funds;
- (b) the computerisation of society;
- (c) investments.

(2) In the computerisation of society, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation shall be responsible for the central management of the computerisation of society and the making of digital single market policy, decision-making on the use of financial resources in public administration for information technologies, the central architecture of the integrated public administration information system, and the coordination of the performance of tasks related to the computerisation of society.

(3) In investments, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and

Informatisation shall be responsible for strategic planning and strategic product management, including the production of a national strategic investment framework, and for the coordination of investment projects designated by the Government of the Slovak Republic.

(4) The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation shall also perform tasks associated with professional, organisational and technical arrangements for the activities of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation.

DIVISION FOUR COMMON PROVISIONS

Tasks of ministries and other central bodies of State administration

Section 35

(1) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall be legal persons.

(2) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall contribute to uniform government policy-making in different areas, implement such policies, carry out State administration within the scope of their competence and perform other tasks laid down in constitutional laws, legislative acts and other legislation of general application.

(3) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration, within the scope of their defined competence, shall also be responsible for defence-related tasks, cybersecurity, and the creation of conditions for the implementation of requirements to arrange for preparations for defence, protection and cybersecurity.

(4) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration, within the scope of their defined competence, shall also perform tasks associated with the negotiation and implementation of international treaties, the development of international relations and international cooperation, including the Slovak Republic's tasks arising from international treaties and its membership of international organisations.

(5) Where required by the procedure laid down by institutions of the European Union in the uptake of financial resources from the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund, the Government shall decide which central body of State administration is to be the managing authority in relation to other central bodies of State administration.

(6) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration, within the scope of their competence, shall be responsible for the implementation of aid provided by the European Union and shall be held accountable for the use of financial resources earmarked for such aid.

(7) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration, within the scope of their defined competence, shall fulfil their information obligations and notification requirements to institutions of the European Union arising from legally binding acts of those institutions.

Section 36

Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall examine issues in matters within their competence and analyse the results achieved. They shall take measures to address topical questions and shall draw up concepts to develop areas entrusted to them and to address basic questions, which, following publication thereof and consultation procedure, they shall submit to the government. In cases prescribed by law or further to a Government decision, consultation procedure need not be held.

Section 37

Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall arrange for the proper legal regulation of matters falling within their competence. They shall prepare and publish drafts of legislative acts and other legislation of general application, and, after consultation in consultation procedure, shall submit them to the Government; they shall also ensure observance of legality in the area of their competence.

Section 38

(1) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall cooperate closely in the performance of their tasks. They shall exchange the necessary information and underlying documentation and shall discuss with other ministries the measures that concern them.

(2) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall draw on the referrals and experience of public authorities and public initiatives.

(3) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall draw on the observations of public institutions, scientific institutions, research centres and professional organisations; they shall incorporate them in particular into their work on the handling of conceptual and legislative issues.

(4) Ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall consult proposals for serious measures concerning the standard of living and the social and economic needs of the population with trade-union bodies and employers' organisations.

(5) In order to ensure the efficient performance of individual activities, ministries and other central bodies of State administration may enter into a written cooperation agreement defining, in particular, the type and scope of the activities to be performed within the framework of such cooperation.

Section 39

(1) The activities of ministries via ministers and the activities of other central bodies of State administration via the statutory bodies thereof shall be managed, coordinated and controlled by the Government.

(2) The following shall be subject to Government approval:

- (a) the statutes of ministries and other central bodies of State administration defining, in more detail, their tasks and the principles of their activities;
- (b) limits on the numbers of employees of ministries and other central bodies of State administration;
- (c) the foreign trips of the prime minister, deputy prime ministers, ministers, State secretaries, chairmen of other central bodies of State administration, and the manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(3) The seat of ministries and other central bodies of State administration shall be Bratislava; the seat of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic shall be Banská Bystrica.

Section 40 Pay particulars

(1) The pay, allowances, flat-rate expenses and other particulars pertaining to members of the Government shall be determined by the Government pursuant to a special regulation.⁴⁾

(2) The pay particulars of a State secretary shall be determined by a minister pursuant to a special regulation.³⁾

(3) The pay particulars of the manager of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic shall be determined by the prime minister pursuant to a special regulation.³⁾

(4) The pay particulars of chairmen of other central bodies of State administration, other than the director of the National Security Authority, shall be determined by the Government pursuant to a special regulation.³⁾

Section 40a

(1) The Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic shall be dissolved and the competence of that ministry under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic'.

(3) In connection with the dissolution of the Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic, on 1 May 2003 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations shall pass from the Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. On 1 May 2003, State assets administered by the Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic as at 30 April 2003 shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry for the Administration and Privatisation of National Assets of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, which shall lay down, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40b

(1) In connection with the transfer of competence in water management, on 1 May 2003 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. On 1 May 2003, State assets administered by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic as at 30 April 2003 and used to exercise competence in water management shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(2) In connection with the transfer of competence in spatial planning and the building code, on 1 May 2003 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. On 1 May 2003, State assets administered by the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic as at 30 April 2003 and used to exercise competence in spatial planning and the building code shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in information technology, on 1 May 2003 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic. On 1 May 2003, State assets administered by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic as at 30 April 2003 and used to exercise competence in information technology shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Transport, Posts and

Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence in construction material manufacture, on 1 May 2003 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. On 1 May 2003, State assets administered by the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic as at 30 April 2003 and used to exercise competence in construction material manufacture shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(5) In connection with the transfer of competence between central bodies of State administration, the founder-related competence of existing central bodies of State administration pertaining to the legal persons founded and set up by them (hereinafter referred to as a 'legal person') shall also pass to the assuming bodies of State administration. Changes in founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of State assets, including but not limited to the type and scope of the assets to be assumed, and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of a legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between existing central bodies of State administration and assuming central bodies of State administration.

(6) In connection with the transfer of competence in the computerisation of society, as of 1 February 2007 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. On 1 February 2007, State assets administered by the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic as at 31 January 2007 and used to exercise competence in the computerisation of society shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and details on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40c

(1) The Civil Service Office shall be dissolved.

(2) On the date of dissolution of the Civil Service Office, the rights and obligations of the Civil Service Office, including right and obligations under civil-service employment and labour-law relations of employees, shall pass to the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to civil service legal relations, the manager of the service office of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, in cooperation with the managers of the service offices of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, shall make changes in the civil-service employment relations of civil servants and the labour-law relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence within the central bodies.

(4) On 1 April 2006, State assets administered by the Civil Service Office as at 31 March 2006 shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic.

Section 40d

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic under existing legislation of general application shall pass to:

- (a) the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic in relation to construction output and construction products, the making and implementation of housing policy, and the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes;
- (b) the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic in relation to public works, the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof;
- (c) the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic in relation to regional development, other than the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds;
- (d) the Government Office of the Slovak Republic in relation to the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic' in relation to construction output and construction products, the making and implementation of housing policy, and the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes. Where the term 'Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic' in relation to public works, the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof. Where the term 'Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to regional development, other than the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds. Where the term 'Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to construction output and construction products, the making and implementation of housing policy, and the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes, as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal relations, shall pass from the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 and used to exercise competence relating to construction output and construction products, the making and implementation of housing policy, and the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to public works, the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof, as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal relations, shall pass from the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 and used to exercise competence relating to public works, the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof, shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic.

(5) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to regional development, other than the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds, as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal relations, shall pass from the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Agriculture, the

Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 and used to exercise competence relating to regional development, other than the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds, shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(6) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds, as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal relations, shall pass from the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 and used to exercise competence relating to the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds shall pass into the administration of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(7) In connection with the transfer of competence between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming bodies of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and assuming central bodies of State administration.

Section 40e

(1) The competence of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic'.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations shall pass from the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

Section 40f

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic relating to tourism under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic' in relation to tourism.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence relating to tourism, as of 1 July 2010 rights and obligations deriving from labour-law and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal relations, shall pass from the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 July 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic until 30 June 2010 and used to exercise competence in tourism shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

Section 40g

Where the term 'Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic'.

Section 40h

Details on the passage of rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets pursuant to Section 40d(3) to (6), Section 40e(3), and Section 40f(3) shall be regulated by an agreement, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40i

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic relating to the creation and protection of the environment, including the protection of nature and the landscape, water management, flood protection, protection of the quality and quantity of water and rational use thereof, and fisheries, other than aquaculture and sea fisheries, relating to the protection of the air, the ozone layer, and the Earth's climate system, environmental aspects of spatial planning, waste management, environmental impact assessments, the provision of a uniform information system on the environment and blanket monitoring, geological research and surveying, the protection and regulation of trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, and genetically modified organisms under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under Section 9 and the 'Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under Section 16.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence shall pass from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise

competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic, which shall lay down, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

Section 40j

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic relating to external trade, insofar as this concerns the management of the trade and economics unit, under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 January 2011 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 January 2011, State assets administered by the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic until 31 December 2010 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40k

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic relating to construction output and construction products, the making and implementation of housing policy, and the State subsidisation of building society savings schemes under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the fields under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the fields pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise competence in the fields pursuant to paragraph (1) shall

pass into the administration of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40l

(1) The competence of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic relating to public works, the building code and spatial planning, other than the environmental aspects thereof, under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the fields under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the fields pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise competence in the fields pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40m

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic relating to trade in military equipment under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

Section 40n

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic relating to the promotion of the culture of national minorities under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the deputy prime minister not in charge of a ministry.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'deputy prime minister not in charge of a ministry' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise

competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, the Government Office of the Slovak Republic and the deputy prime minister not in charge of a ministry, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40o

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic relating to tourism under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40p

(1) The competence of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic relating to the coordination of the implementation of European Union policies under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2010 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Government Office of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2010, State assets administered by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2010 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Government Office of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40q

(1) The competence of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic relating to the coordination of the use of

financial resources from European Union funds under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 January 2011 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Government Office of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 January 2011, State assets administered by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic until 31 December 2010 and used to exercise competence in the fields pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Government Office of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40r

(1) Where the term 'Ministry of Economy and Construction of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic'.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic'.

(3) Where the term 'Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic'.

Section 40s

(1) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to Section 40k(1), Section 40l(1), Section 40n(1), Section 40o(1) and Section 40p(1) between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

(2) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant Section 40j(1) and Section 40q(1) between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the passage of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

Section 40t

(1) The competence of the deputy prime minister not in charge of a ministry relating to the promotion of the culture of national minorities under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'deputy prime minister not in charge of a ministry' or 'deputy prime minister for human rights and national minorities' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

Section 40u

Where the term 'Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic'.

Section 40v

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic relating to the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 April 2013 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 April 2013, State assets administered by the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 31 March 2013 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the transfer of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

(4) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) between central bodies of State administration, the sponsor-related and founder-related competence of an existing central body of State administration pertaining to legal persons shall also pass to the assuming body of State administration. Changes in sponsor-related and founder-related competence shall be made on the basis of this legislative act pursuant to special regulations.⁶⁾ Details on the transfer of the administration of a State-held ownership interest in a legal person and on the transfer of rights and obligations associated with the objects of activity of the legal person shall be regulated by an agreement between the existing central body of State administration and the assuming central body of State administration.

Section 40w

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic relating to civil-service employment relations and legal relations in the performance of work in the public interest under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing

legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 November 2013 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 November 2013, State assets administered by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic until 31 October 2013 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40x

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic relating to human rights under existing legislation of general application, other than the granting of subsidies, shall pass to the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the name 'Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

Section 40y

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic relating to State aid under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation in relation to the field under paragraph (1), this shall be taken to mean the 'Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic'.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 January 2016 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic to the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 January 2016, State assets administered by the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic until 31 December 2015 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40z

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic relating to the computerisation of society under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation in relation to the field under paragraph (1), this shall be taken to mean the 'Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation'.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 June 2016 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation. As of 1 June 2016, State assets administered by the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic until 31 May 2016 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40aa

(1) The competence of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic relating to the computerisation of society and the coordination of the use of financial resources from European Union funds under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation.

(2) Where the term 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation in relation to the field under paragraph (1), this shall be taken to mean the 'Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation'.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 June 2016 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Government Office of the Slovak Republic to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation. As of 1 June 2016, State assets administered by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic until 31 May 2016 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Government Office of the Slovak Republic and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for Investments and Informatisation, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40ab

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic relating to the granting of subsidies in the field of human rights under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic; this shall not apply to subsidies granted up to 30 November 2016.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

Section 40ac

(1) The competence of the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic relating to regional development under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the term 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation in relation to the field under paragraph (1), this shall be taken to mean the 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic'. Where the term 'Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation, except in relation to the field under paragraph (1) this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic'.

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 January 2017 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic to the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 January 2017, State assets administered by the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic until 1 January 2017 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Ministry of Transport and Construction of the Slovak Republic and the Government Office of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

Section 40ad

(1) The competence of the Government Office of the Slovak Republic relating to the promotion of the culture of national minorities under existing legislation of general application shall pass to the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic.

(2) Where the name 'Government Office of the Slovak Republic' is used in existing legislation in relation to the field under paragraph (1), this shall be taken to mean the 'Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic' in relation to the field under paragraph (1).

(3) In connection with the transfer of competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1), as of 1 January 2018 rights and obligations deriving from civil-service employment relations, labour-law relations and other legal relations of employees responsible for exercising such competence, as well as rights and obligations deriving from other legal regulations, shall pass from the Government Office of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic. As of 1 January 2018, State assets administered by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic until 31 December 2017 and used to exercise competence in the field pursuant to paragraph (1) shall pass into the administration of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic. Details on the passage of such rights and obligations and on the transfer of the administration of State assets shall be regulated by an agreement between the Government Office of the Slovak Republic and the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic, which shall define, in particular, the type and scope of the assets, rights and obligations to be assumed.

DIVISION FIVE TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 41 Repeal

Act of the Slovak National Council No 347/1990 on the organisation of ministries and other central bodies of State administration of the Slovak Republic, as amended by Act of the Slovak National Council No 197/1991, Act of the Slovak National Council No 298/1991, Act of the Slovak National Council No 494/1991, Act of the Slovak National Council No 294/1992, Act of the Slovak National Council No 322/1992, Act of the Slovak National Council No 453/1992, Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 2/1993, Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 61/1993, Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 83/1994, Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 74/1995, Act of the National Council of the

Slovak Republic No 207/1995, Act No 58/1998, Act No 143/1998, Act No 200/1998, Act No 337/1998, Act No 263/1999, Act No 293/1999, Act No 95/2000, Act No 195/2000, Act No 329/2000, Act No 338/2000, Act No 417/2000, Act No 136/2001, and Act No 241/2001, is hereby repealed.

Section 41a

Section 39(2)(b) shall not apply in 2003. The limits on the numbers of employees of ministries and other central bodies of State administration, including civil servants,³⁾ shall be approved for 2003 by the Government.

Section 41b

Act No 106/1999 on economic and social partnership (the Tripartite Act) is hereby repealed.

Section 42

Effect

This Act shall take effect on 1 January 2002. Section 5(6) and Section 40(5) to (9) shall cease to be effective on 31 March 2002.

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1) Section 5(4) of Act No 211/2000 on freedom of access to information and amending certain acts (the Freedom of Information Act).

1a) For example, Section 61(2) of Act No 71/1967 on administrative proceedings (the Code of Administrative Procedure).

1aa) Section 244 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

1b) Sections 15 and 16 of Act No 136/2001 on the protection of competition and amending Act of the Slovak National Council No 347/1990 on the organisation of ministries and other central bodies of State administration of the Slovak Republic, as amended.

1c) Section 71 of Act No 215/2004 on the protection of classified information and amending certain acts.

1ca) Act No 25/2006 on public procurement and amending certain acts, as amended.

1cb) For example, Act No 25/2006, as amended.

1cc) Section 7 of Act No 55/2017 on the civil service and amending certain acts.

2) Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 10/1996 on control in State administration.

3) Act No 400/2009 on the civil service and amending certain acts.

4) Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No 120/1993 on the emoluments of certain constitutional officials of the Slovak Republic, as amended.

6) For example, Sections 3, 4 and 6 of Act No 111/1990 on State enterprises, as amended, Sections 21 to 28 of Act No 523/2004 on the budgetary rules of public administration and amending certain acts, as amended.

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