



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA PROTOKOL

PRESS RELEASE

At its 50th session (22 October 2009) the Government of the Republic of Slovenia adopted a Decision amending the Decision laying down protocol rules (Uradni list RS [Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia] No 56/07) currently in force. The new Decision laying down protocol rules shall amend the existing Decision laying down protocol rules, primarily for the purpose of changing the practice and rationalizing the work of the Protocol of the Republic of Slovenia. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia has prepared a new inter-departmentally coordinated decision. It has been drawn up in coordination with all bodies to which protocol rules apply.

The new Decision redefines the protocol rules, protocol events, the manner of carrying out protocol events, organizers of protocol events and the method of financing protocol events. It also defines in more detail the protocol tasks of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia. A new category – state visits – shall be added to existing protocol events. The new category of visits that has been introduced into the Decision and complies with international protocol practice is of key importance for Slovenian protocol practice. A state visit, i.e. a visit of a Head of State at the highest level, is part of the protocol practice of most countries. The amendments result from experience gained in the implementation of provisions of the Decision on protocol services applicable to date with the purpose of performing tasks related to protocol events in a more transparent and economical way.

Decision laying down protocol rules have been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, 30 October 2009, and enter into force 14 November 2009.