

The Honorable Borut Pahor,
President of the Republic of Slovenia
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Subject: Proposal for protocol gifts from the Republic of Slovenia

Dear Mr. President:

Please allow me to present to you this proposal for protocol gifts from the Republic of Slovenia, which have been created by me, the undersigned, Sašo Sedlaček, academic sculptor and assistant professor at the Academy of Fine Arts and Design at the University of Ljubljana. I believe that protocol gifts should reflect the spirit of the times in which we live, therefore, my proposal comes from a consideration of the social reality which has recently been shaking us all.

The consequences of the economic crisis are destroying the illusion of the wealthy West and changing the iconography of everyday European life – something which, until recently, we in the Western world have taken for granted. Thus I propose as protocol gifts from the Republic of Slovenia: *Dolce far niente* (The Sweetness of Doing Nothing) chocolate sculptures. They represent images of poverty, despair, protests, people in distress ... images that are far from new. What is new, however, is their frequency and their direct proximity.

Dolce far niente chocolates are edible sculptures, hand-made in small batches. As protocol gifts at the international level they can achieve their goal: namely, they address individuals with authority who have in their hands the levers of power as well as the ability to decide our destinies. As the president of a country with an exceptional sense for the social hardships of people, you will be able to present the highest level representatives of power this gift and thus in an original and relevant way point out the bitterness of our time and the need for change.

I am prepared to personally present this proposal to your cabinet. Otherwise, the product will also be presented to the wider public from 18 June to 4 July 2014 in an exhibition at the Aksioma Project Space, Komenskega 18, Ljubljana.

In anticipation of your favourable reply, I thank you kindly in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Sašo Sedlaček, academic sculptor

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Enclosure: Package with six *Dolce far niente* chocolates.