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#### ABSTRACT

After the split with The Czech Republic, Slovakia was governed by Vladimir Meciar, an ex-communist and nationalist Prime Minister who had put Slovakia into a difficult position among its neighbors and let Magyars—the biggest minority—be oppressed. Things were about to change in 1998 Parliamentary Elections as it was a starting point for Slovakia to be a more democratic country and the involvement of Hungarian Coalition Party (SMK) played an important role to fulfill the demand from the EU Commission that Slovakia should have good relations with its minorities. The involvement of SMK in the coalition with three other parties helped to oust the dominance of Meciar over the country, so Slovakia could boost the post-communist reform and, supported by its citizens, Slovakia made it to be EU member within six years since the involvement.

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