

Khomyakov emphasized that, since the basis of socio-economic development of northern peoples will from now on be the improving of economic sectors based on the use, protection and rational regeneration of the environment, he considers it a matter of great importance that the USSR Academy of Sciences and USSR State Committee on the Environment (Goskompriroda), in cooperation with the RSFSR Council of Ministers and local bodies, formulate by 1991 a long-term program of nature conservation and rational nature management.

The speaker reported that the republican government, in collaboration with the USSR Academy of Sciences and the USSR State Committee on Science and Technology, is studying the question of establishing a centre for scientific research on problems of development of northern minority peoples and the organization of an inter-departmental scientific council on these same issues.

The proposed program calls for publishing newspapers and journals in all of the languages of northern ethnic minorities and the opening of specialized ethnic editorial boards at existing publishing houses.

This comprehensive program, the speaker said in conclusion, touches not only the fate of northern ethnic minorities but virtually the entire North, as well as many regions of Siberia and the Far East in the RSFSR.

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