

deadlines for development being shortened and fundamentally new solutions found which are in every way as good as the best foreign analogues. Competitions will be held on the drawing up of agreements for the development of new machinery and equipment with pre-set characteristics ensuring a 2.5 to 3.0-fold increase in the productivity of labour in the industry by 2005.

The design bureaus will accept for working up only those scientific proposals which guarantee a major socioeconomic benefit and satisfy stringent ergonomic and ecological requirements. It is important to ensure that the machinery produced is competitive on world markets, preeminently in the COMECON countries. It is necessary to institute a system of financial awards for inventors of new technology whose efforts results in machines of increased reliability that are less material-intensive and energy-intensive.

The industry is to be computerised.

A significant expansion of external economic and scientific and technical ties is envisaged, as well as a transition from preeminently trading relations to a broader based cooperation with the Socialist countries in the production field. Direct links will be formed between the enterprises and the research institutes, and joint enterprises will be created.

The exports structure is to be improved through sales of converted wood and non-ligneous forest products on the external market.

The Social Sphere - Priority to be Given to Development

Social conditions in the industry are in dire need of improvement. In many indices, meeting the needs of forestry workers is 3 to 7 times below the national standard. It is for this reason that people are leaving the industry.