

activity, or with the "ambassadors" of departmental bureaucracy at the various places, but with the logging enterprises and lespromkhozy themselves. Then for sure there would be an increase in mutual responsibility for the timeliness of deliveries and the quality of the materials to be exported. The loggers and the woodworkers, in receiving allocations of currency, would have a direct interest in bringing this about.

So as to improve and stabilise the overall situation with respect to export supplies of wood products, we decided to form an association that would consist not only of the port workers and our immediate partners, but also of the enterprises interested in this new approach. The initiative has already been supported by the majority of the territorial production associations and lespromkhozy, by the Krasnodar Gossnab (State Supply Agency) and the "Kuban" branch of the Moscow Consumers Society (MPO). In the workers' collectives the statutes of the future association have already been discussed and analysed. Not only will they give all of its members a capability to earn more foreign currency and freely dispose of the latter, by acquiring imported equipment or goods in short supply. They will also enable them to increase the output and substantially improve the quality of exports.

So as they say, we shall see what we shall see with respect to the advantages of the new system. However, not everything depends on us. It is necessary also for the management of the USSR Ministry of the Timber Industry to devote greater attention to those enterprises which are bringing to the country the foreign currency it so desperately needs."

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