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vitally important problems as improvements to  
 based on integration of forest use, and  
 strategy for the mechanization and social

meet a  
 general public for paper and other forest-based  
 products. The annual shortfall of timber is between  
 20 and 25 million cubic metres.

Undermechanization is preventing our sectors  
 from moving ahead. Restructuring (perestroika) must  
 therefore hinge on three main requirements:  
 increasing the productivity of labour by at least  
 50-60 per cent; effecting major improvements in the  
 social sphere; assuring ecologically clean production  
 processes. None of this will be possible in the  
 absence of a machine-building capacity within the  
 sector. Establishing it will be a difficult task and  
 will not be achieved overnight. Accordingly, the  
 role of external economic relations will be vastly  
 increased. Without the active involvement of foreign  
 firms and without increased exports of timber and  
 paper products it will be very difficult for us to  
 supply the country with all the consumer goods it  
 needs.

Simultaneously with the growth in exports  
 the development of new forms of cooperation is  
 foreseen. To date, in the timber industry nine joint  
 enterprises have been formed with Finnish, West  
 German and Japanese manufacturers of lumber, veneer  
 and furniture. A further 40 such projects are under  
 consideration. Among them are enterprises with  
 annual production capacities of 200 to 400 thousand  
 tonnes of newsprint, 250 to 300 thousand tonnes of