

the virtual impossibility of the exporting enterprises receiving payment for merchandise from these funds, set the stage for their lack of interest in the development of external economic collaboration. And this notwithstanding the fact that in some years, deliveries of newsprint to socialist countries comprised up to 85 per cent of the total volume of exports from the Kondopoga and Solikamsk pulp and paper combines.

Although the exporting of newsprint to socialist countries is accomplished for the most part within the framework of agreements concerning international specialization and producer cooperation, in the case of enterprises this trade is not classed as cooperative deliveries. Therefore, they do not receive 100 per cent of the proceeds in transferable roubles, but as with traditional exports, a mere two per cent of the total. It if is taken into consideration that a quarter of the entire Kondopoga and Balakhna production of newsprint, together with 16 per cent of the Solikamsk and more than two-thirds of the Sakhalin production totals go for export, then it becomes clear that the external economic activities of these enterprises are in need of a more effective set of incentives.

The decisions of the aforementioned 44th Session, and the concept it endorses with respect to the international socialist division of labour for the period 1991-2005, are laying the foundation for fundamental changes in the character and methods of collaboration, as well as opening the way for searches and experiments. The procedure and mechanism of coordinating national economic plans are being changed, and the detailed harmonizing at the Gosplan level, of reciprocal deliveries of numerous commodities, all the way down to nuts and bolts, is

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