In 1988 alone, 14 protocols and agreements were signed in our country which provide for the establishment of direct industrial and scientific and technological ties with Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany, Poland, Cuba, Mongolia, Czechoslovakia, Laos and Yugoslavia.

The "Lenles" Association and the "Valmet" Company jointly designed and manufactured the prototype of the "Voith" grab harvester, intended for use in principal fellings and tending fellings. Three modifications of the jointly manufactured "Sofit" machines will be on display in the Soviet pavilion.

The year 1988 also marked the beginning of cooperation with the Austrian "Springer" Company in the rebuilding and technical refitting of the Segezha Sawmilling and Woodworking Combine. Discussions are being held with this firm on the question of arranging for cooperative production of log sorting lines. A similar project is being discussed for the Ust' Ilimsk Timber Industry Complex.

A number of companies in West Germany, Italy, Sweden and other countries are contributing to the modernization of Soviet furniture manufacturing enterprises. The British firm "Beloit Walmsley" and the Austrian "Voith" Company are supplying equipment for the technical refitting of our pulp and paper enterprises.

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