

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for free military aid delivery to North Vietnam,  
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Prime Minister

Comrade Stanko Todorov

R E P O R T

From Ivan Nedev – Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Approval of protocol for rendering free military aid to the  
Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1972

COMRADE PRIME MINISTER,

On the grounds of Council of Ministers Resolution No. 578 from 2 December 1971 a governmental delegation of People's Republic of Bulgaria held negotiations in DRV, and on 26 December 1971 in Hanoi was signed Protocol for rendering free military aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam at amount of 6 400 000 rubles

According to the Protocol, People's Republic of Bulgaria shall provide to the Democratic Republic of Bulgaria military, technical and other equipment, indicated in the enclosed list.

The larger part of the equipment has been assured with the plan for 1972, and a smaller part shall be taken from the Bulgarian armed forces' reserve.

During the negotiations the Vietnamese side expressed a desire instead of the mentioned in the List "other equipment" to be increased the quantity of the armament. We consider that this request can be accepted.

With regard to the implementation of the signed Protocol, I suggest the Council of Ministers to approve following

## RESOLUTION:

1. To approve the Protocol, signed in Hanoi on 26 December 1971, between the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, to render free military aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1972.
2. To give permission to increase the quantities of:
  - 7.62 mm machine gun AK-47 – by 2 000 pcs
  - anti-tank grenade launchers – by 50 pcs
  - shots PG-7B – by 2 000 pcs
3. The aid, specified in the protocol, shall be provided by the Ministry of foreign trade – Engineering department.
4. The equipment shall be provided by the ministries and institutions according to the enclosed list. The Ministry of foreign trade shall provide the respective institutions with a copy of this list.
5. The funds to pay for industrial equipment, as well as for preparation and transportation of the equipment, shall be transferred by the Ministry of finance to the Ministry of foreign trade – Engineering department.
6. Equipment, taken from the Ministry of defense and from the Ministry of interior, shall be replenished by the State planning committee and the Ministry of finance in the plan for 1973-1974.
7. The Ministry of foreign affairs shall ensure transportation of equipment through the territory of the Chinese People's republic.

### Annex:

1. List No. 060/72 – 1 page
2. Protocol – 2 pages

MINISTER: [Ivan Nedev]

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