

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for negotiations with Iraq for long term arms
delivery agreement, 7 December 1970

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TO THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE ECONOMIC COORDINATION COMMITTEE

REPORT

from Lachezar Avramov –

Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Nomination and authorization of a head of the Bulgarian delegation to hold negotiations and sign a long-term agreement for special export and cooperation with the Republic of Iraq

COMRADE CHAIRMAN,

By virtue of Resolution № 114, dated 16 April 1969, by the Economic Coordination Committee, the Minister of people's defense Army General Dobri Dzhurov was authorized to sign, on behalf of the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, a long-term agreement with the Republic of Iraq for special export and cooperation in the period 1969-1975.

Due to changes in the leadership of the Ministry of defense of the Republic of Iraq in 1969, negotiations failed and no agreement was reached. During his visit to our country in November this year, the Minister of interior and member of the Senior military council of Iraq, General Gidan expressed the willingness of his government to discuss the project and sign an agreement.

I propose to authorize Comrade Colonel General Atanas Semerdzhiev – first deputy minister of the people’s defense and chief of the General staff of BAF, to sign on behalf of the government of the People’s Republic of Bulgaria, a long-term agreement with the Republic of Iraq for special export and cooperation in the period 1969-1975.

Comrade Chairman, I request that you bring up for discussion, and if approved by the Committee, make the following

RESOLUTION:

1. To authorize Colonel General Atanas Semerdzhiev - first deputy minister of the people’s defense and chief of the General staff of BAF, to sign on behalf of the government of the People’s Republic of Bulgaria, a long-term agreement with the Republic of Iraq for special export and cooperation in the period 1969-1975.

Members of the delegation shall be representatives from the Ministry of foreign trade, the State planning commission, the Ministry of defense and the Bulgarian foreign trade bank.

2. All expenses related to travel and accommodation of the delegation in the Republic of Iraq shall be covered by the Ministry of foreign trade, respectively by “Kintex”.

MINISTER

Coordinated with Minister of people’s defense

Army General Dobri Dzhurov

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[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]