

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for establishment of a state foreign trade  
company KINTEX,

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TO THE PRIME MINISTER  
Comrade Todor Zhivkov

REPORT

from Ivan Budinov - Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Establishing a new foreign trade organization for export  
of special equipment

Comrade Prime Minister,

Export of special equipment to capitalist and newly-liberated countries,  
private firms and individuals, is carried out by Engineer Department at the  
Ministry of foreign trade.

The specifics of this equipment cause a number of difficulties and risks –  
commercial, political, transport, etc.

These risks often create a potential danger for provocations and  
compromise of our country.

There are indications showing that some interested circles from  
imperialistic countries are passionately striving to organize provocations in this  
respect.

So far, export has been carried out on behalf of the Ministry of foreign  
trade, which causes many practical and political inconveniences.

With the current organization when activities are being carried out by Engineer Department, we encounter a number of practical inconveniences.

Working with clients imposes their visit to the Ministry in order to get to know the specifics of work and the people from Engineer Department, which is incorrect.

I reckon it would be advisable to establish a foreign trade organization to adopt all rights and responsibilities regarding transactions with special equipment.

Taking into account the above mentioned, we propose that the Council of Ministers accept the following

#### ORDER:

1. To establish, on 1 July 1966, State Trade Industry “Kintex”, as part of the Ministry of foreign trade, as an independent legal entity with a budget account, obliged with import-export trade with capitalist and developing countries, private firms and individuals related to:
  - a) military-technical, engineer, supply, and other special equipment produced and available at the Ministry of defense and other institutions;
  - b) technical support for military purposes;
  - c) special equipment;
  - d) industrial explosive materials – hunting and sports equipment, shooting equipment and materials;
  - e) re-export, compensations and other deals.The Minister of foreign trade is authorized to expand the nomenclature of the organization with special items for civil purposes.
2. State Trade Industry “Kintex” shall have 19 men personnel, 10 out of whom will be transferred from Engineer Department – Ministry of foreign trade, with their salary funds, and for the rest 9 the Ministry of finance shall provide funds.
3. The whole documentation related to the activities of Export Department (counter Kintex) in Engineer Department shall be transferred to the newly formed State Trade Industry.
4. Due to the specific nature of work in the organization, with the approval of the Minister of foreign trade, military personnel can be assigned in accordance with Resolution 1517 of the Council of Ministers dated 1959, preserving all rights of the military.

Payment of the military personnel shall be defined in accordance with Table № 01888 dated 23 November 1964, used by Engineer Department, constituted on the basis of Resolution 737 of the Council of Ministers dated 8 May 1956.

5. Payment of personnel (not including military staff) shall refer to:

a) chiefs and specialists in accordance with Table 41 for central departments of the Ministry of foreign trade;

b) general positions in accordance with Table 45.

6. Personnel shall receive extra payment for dealing with secret documents.

7. The Minister of foreign trade shall coordinate with the Minister of foreign affairs and the Chief of State Security Committee, within a month, to approve Regulations for the organization, tasks and functions of the newly established Industry “Kintex”.

MINISTER: [Ivan Budinov]

*[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]*