Council of Ministers Resolution No.C-337 for free aid to Laos, 1 March 1961

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Resolution No. C- 337 OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS 1 MARCH 1961

REFERENCE: Rendering free support to the legitimate government in Laos and the armed forces of Neo Lao Hak Sat

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS ORDERED:

It would be advisable for our country to render support to the legitimate government in Laos, headed by Suvana Fuma, and to the armed forces of Neo Lao Hak Sat, sending through the Democratic Republic of Vietnam medications and surgical instruments amounting to 939 000 leva, according to Appendices 1 and 2, as well as cotton fabrics – 150 000 m Bulgarian made cotton print and 150 000 m Soviet imported cotton print at the amount of 2 100 000 leva.

The Ministry of people's health and social care shall purchase the medications, surgical instruments and fabrics from trade organizations at wholesale prices and organize jointly with the Ministry of transport and communications their transfer to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Resources necessary for payment of goods and materials and transport expenses to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam shall be allocated by the Ministry of finance from the government reserve of the Republican budget for 1961.

Foreign Minister Karlo Lukanov shall inform accordingly the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam of the support rendered by our country to the legitimate government in Laos, headed by Suvana Fuma, and to the armed forces of Neo Lao Hak Sat.

The execution of this order shall be the responsibility of the Foreign Minister Karlo Lukanov, the Minister of people's health and social care Petar Kolarov, the Minister of home trade Rusi Hristozov, the Minister of transport and communications Dimitar Dimitrov and the Minister of finance Kiril Lazarov.

Sofia, 27 February 1961

For Prime Minister [Rayko Damyanov]

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