

At the 13th session of the Soviet-Korean Intergovernmental Economic Commission, held in Moscow in the first half of June, Comrade [I.T.] Novikov asked Gong Jintae [Kong Jin Thae] to ensure that the DPRK put an end to the delay that once again occurred in its commercial deliveries (approx. 20%).

[...] The Soviet Union cannot deliver a nuclear power plant to the DPRK in the new five-year plan [1976-80] either, for it has long-term commitments [to construct such plants elsewhere]. For the time being the Soviet Union also failed to give its consent to the extension of the agreement on lumbering in Siberia by 3 years, because there are ecological surveys in progress [in these areas].

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