

Sino-Soviet Communiqué on the Construction of the Lanzhou–Ürümqi–Alma-Ata Railway

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To strengthen mutual economic and cultural ties, the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of the People's Republic of China have agreed that both Parties will soon commence the construction of a railway from Lanzhou, through Ürümqi (on Chinese territory), to Alma-Ata (on Soviet territory).

The construction of this railway on Chinese territory will be undertaken by the Chinese government, while construction on Soviet territory will be the responsibility of the Soviet government.

During the construction of this railway on Chinese territory, the Soviet government will provide comprehensive technical assistance to the Chinese government.

Construction of the Lanzhou–Yumen section of this railway on Chinese territory had already begun in 1953.