



Environment

The removal of environmental protection

Narrator

In the new administration, a single ministry was set up to deal with environmental protection and natural resources.

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Protecting the environment was our primary concern. There was always opposition from the big natural resource consumers.

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By the year 2000 protection of the environment began to be seen as an actual hindrance to economic development.

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There is no doubt that pressure from the raw materials lobby brought about the disbandment of the State Committee for the Protection of the Environment. Responsibility for the environment was transferred to the Ministry of Natural Resources, which, over a period of just one year, practically dismantled the system for the protection of the environment.