

***Councils of the Production
Branches - Expression of the
Development of Socialist
Democracy in the Work
of the Production Branches***

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In the last years new forms of the work of the production branches have developed which at the same time required to enter a higher stage of management within the production branches. With the foundation of the councils of the production branches these needs were met and socialist democracy in the work of the production branches has increasingly been developed. The councils of the production branches are elected collectives which consist of the representatives of the best factories of all forms of property. They are as well voting as also exercising organs and accountable to the plenary session of the production branch. The activity of the councils of the production branches bases on the hitherto valid principles of the work of the production branch: equality, free participation of the not nationally owned factories and mutual profit. The resolutions of the council do not limit the independence and self-responsibility of the factories belonging to the production branch. The resolutions of the council of the production branch, which are essentially concentrated on the fulfillment of the main and the solution of the most important problems of development, are carried unanimously. They are an obligatory basis of the council's work and its members as well as for the groups of articles, groups of work and communities within the production branch. With respect to public organs they have the character of recommendations. The draft of a working order for councils of the production branches is published in the annex. The following questions are especially dealt with: position, tasks, working method

and election of the council of the production branch and the rights and duties of its members.