

March 30, 1988
**Information about the Status of the Operation
Ethiopia (30 March 1988, 15:00 Hours)**

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Summary:

A report indicating that the first shipment of GDR military aid has departed for Ethiopia.

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The first IL 62 of Interflug has departed today at 12:30 hours with handguns and ammunitions.

The provision is running at full blast. Concentration points are [Berlin] Schönefeld Airport and the MfS [Ministry for State Security; Stasi] Camp Segelfliegerdamm. Until 24:00 hours 710 tons will have been assembled there.

All participating organs are working with high precision and reliability. The provision will be completed by 1 April 1988 (see appendix).

The main problem is to obtain the overflight clearances for Interflug. After the granting of the requested overflight clearance, the next flight is possible not earlier than 8 April 1988.

Today afternoon negotiations will be launched with charter airlines Cargolux and Martinair [a Dutch charter airline] (a DC-10 from this airline will land today at Schönefeld).

Depending on the results of these negotiations, tomorrow there will be an information about future flights. The aircraft of these companies can transport between 60 and 100 tons.

[Appendix]

Schedule of Provisions □ □□

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[1] Translator's note: Kommerzielle Koordinierung, or "Commercial Coordination", a secret GDR state enterprise to generate foreign currency and purchase from Western countries.