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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
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To the Minister of Defense  
of Russian Federation

S.B. IVANOV

Under Federal targeted program «Modernization of transportation system in Russia», YACONTO LLC has developed and proposed for implementation a Program for creation of a new Black Sea commercial port in Tuapse region of Krasnodar territory and the Program of construction of a basing point for the Black Sea Fleet ships around Tuapse city (enclosed). Both programs have been developed under YACONTO Integrated Program for the creation of seaports, which includes creation of a single social, production, transportation and energy infrastructure and supports the operational activities of the commercial seaport and stationing of Navy forces on the Russian shore of the Black Sea.

The Navy has examined the data of the Program. The new commercial port is planned to be constructed at the distance of 1.6 km south-east of the existing Tuapse commercial seaport with a perspective of freight turnover development up to 30 million tons of dry cargo and 30 million tons of liquid bulk cargo. This would allow moving all transshipment from the existing Tuapse port completely and in future transfer the Tuapse port to the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defense of Russia.

Implementation of the proposed programs will significantly expand the opportunities for stationing of the Navy on the strategically important area of the North Caucasian region and create up to 15 thousand jobs for the inhabitants of the region and servicemen demobilized or discharged due to restructuring of Russian Armed Forces.

I consider it to be expedient to support the implementation of the programs proposed by YACONTO LLC, aimed at development of maritime transportation infrastructure of Russian Federation and the stationing system of the Navy.

I have verbally reported this proposal to the President of Russia V.V. Putin and obtained his support.

In case of your concurrence, please sign the draft report to the President of Russian Federation and authorize the drafts of the orders of the Government of Russian Federation and the order of the President of Russian Federation (attached).

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*(The Russian text of this letter is an original.)*