## ON A PROBLEM BY V. A. TOPONOGOV

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We give the positive solution of a problem formulated by V. A. Toponogov and discuss some of its natural generalizations.

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