

APPEAL

TO THE BALTIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTITUTIONS FOR CO-OPERATION

The Baltic Assembly,

evaluating the positive development in the trilateral co-operation of the Baltic States during recent years and the role of the Baltic Council of Ministers in the said process,

emphasising the need for practical co-ordination of co-operation and the importance of purposefully and effectively organised co-operation of the Baltic States for the Euro-integration of these countries,

urges the Baltic Council of Ministers to develop the already established Estonian-Latvian-Lithuanian trilateral co-operation institutions by founding a co-ordinating structure - a permanently functioning Secretariat of the Baltic Council of Ministers, which would ensure the continued functioning of the Baltic co-operation institutions and the required level of co-ordination of their activities, and would promote collaboration with the Nordic Council of Ministers.

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