

DECISION

ON AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY FUNDS

The Baltic Assembly decides to amend the Regulations on the Use of the Baltic Assembly Funds in the following manner:

1. Paragraphs 2, 7, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, and 24 shall be amended by striking out “Secretary of the Baltic Assembly” and substituting “head of the Secretariat of the Baltic Assembly”.

2. The Regulations shall be amended by adding new paragraphs 7 and 8 which shall be set forth to read as follows:

7. The budget of the Baltic Assembly for the coming year shall be approved at the Session, and the target figures of the said budget shall, in compliance with the decision of the Budget and Audit Committee, approved by the Presidium, be prepared and submitted by the head of the Secretariat of the Baltic Assembly to the parliaments in March of the current year.

8. An initial draft of the budget of the Baltic Assembly shall be drawn up pursuant to the general principles of financing the activities of the Baltic Assembly, by the Secretariat of the Baltic Assembly in conjunction with the Presidium and presented to the Budget and Audit Committee. The first draft of the budget must be prepared and submitted to the Budget and Audit Committee prior to 1 October. The Budget and Audit Committee shall, in conjunction with the representatives of other committees, consider the submitted draft of the budget, and shall make amendments to it. The draft shall be presented to the Presidium prior to 1 November, which shall submit it to the session of the Baltic Assembly for approval in compliance with the procedure laid down in the Statutes of the Baltic Assembly.

3. Former paragraph 7 shall become paragraph 9.

4. Former paragraphs 8 and 9 shall be repealed.

5. The Regulations shall be amended by adding new paragraph 13 which shall be set forth to read as follows:

13. In the event of getting unplanned donations and income, the Budget and Audit Committee shall report on the use thereof at the next session.

6. The Regulations shall be amended by adding new paragraph 14 which shall be set forth to read as follows:

14. Pursuant to the Statutes of the Baltic Assembly, the head of the Secretariat of the Baltic Assembly shall enjoy the right to dispose of the property and funds of the Baltic Assembly.

7. Former paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 shall become paragraphs 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 respectively.

8. The Regulations shall be amended by adding a new chapter “**Use of Discretionary Budgetary Funds**” which shall consist of paragraph 20 and shall be set forth to read as follows:

20. The procedure for using discretionary funds of the Baltic Assembly shall be drawn up by the Budget and Audit Committee and submitted for approval at the session.

9. Former paragraphs 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 shall become paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 respectively.

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