

## BALTIC ASSEMBLY

### RESOLUTION

#### Concerning the Military Cooperation Between the Baltic States

The contours of new defence structures safeguarding world security are becoming more distinct. The role of the Baltic States in the integration processes of Europe and the European collective security system is becoming more definite. The implementation of tasks that arise from the obligations of the Baltic States to their citizens and the international community requires significant expenditures, serious work and good coordination. This may be guaranteed by defence cooperation and a mutual assistance agreement which provides the legal basis for cooperation between the Baltic States in the spheres of defence and national security.

For this purpose the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding was signed in Visby, Sweden, on 3 June 1994, wherein principles of cooperation in the training of Baltic UN peace-keeping forces were set forth. In Copenhagen on 11 September 1994, Ministers of Defence of Great Britain, the Nordic and Baltic States signed a new Memorandum of Understanding. In Riga, on 13 September 1994, the Baltic State Prime Ministers signed a trilateral agreement between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania concerning the establishment and formation of a joint peace-keeping unit. At the present time, a cooperation agreement between the Defence Ministry of Estonia, Defence Ministry of Latvia, and the Lithuanian Ministry of National Defence is being prepared.

Bearing in mind the geopolitical situation in our region and the recent statements and obligations undertaken by the Baltic Governments, the Baltic Assembly recommends to the Baltic Council of Ministers to begin the preparation of a defence agreement between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and to sign such an agreement as soon as possible.

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