

RESOLUTION

ON THE CO-OPERATION OF THE BALTIC STATES IN MINIMISING TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION

The Baltic Assembly,

determined to improve the quality of environment in the Baltic States,

expressing willingness to better co-ordinate endeavours and to co-operate in reducing transboundary pollution,

cognisant of the effects caused by the transboundary pollution to the environment of all the three Baltic States,

recommends to the Baltic Council of Ministers to:

- take measures aimed at minimising transboundary pollution in the Baltic States and agree upon methodologies and principles of compensating the damage caused by the pollution of the environment;

- reach an agreement on the principles of co-operation between the Baltic States and on the methodology for assessing the pollution coming from the territories of third countries;

- be guided by international agreements on transboundary pollution, e.g.:

the 1979 Geneva Convention “On Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution” and

the Helsinki Convention “On the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes”.

Vilnius, 13 April 1996