

THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

DECISION

on Making Amendments to the Regulations of the Baltic Assembly of the Republic of Estonia, Republic of Latvia and Republic of Lithuania

The Baltic Assembly,

in order to increase the efficiency of its work and ensure the implementation of the resolutions adopted by it,

resolved to make the following amendments to the Regulations of the Baltic Assembly.

1. **To express** the third section of the chapter “Main Provisions” in the following wording:

“The Baltic Assembly may express its policy to the Parliaments and Governments of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania in the form of resolutions, decisions, declarations or recommendations, and to international and regional organisations – in the form of appeals, proposals or statements. The documents adopted at the Baltic Assembly sessions shall be discussed by the national Parliaments.”

2. **To omit** the fifth section of the chapter “The Sessions of the Baltic Assembly” of the Regulations.

3. **To express** the first section of the chapter “Initiation and Resolution of Issues” of the Regulations in the following wording:

“The right to submit draft documents for discussion during the sessions of the Baltic Assembly shall be vested in the members, committees, party groups and delegations of the Baltic Assembly. Drafts may also be submitted by the presidents of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and by their respective governments; the latter shall submit their drafts via the members of respective governments who deal with issues of Baltic co-operation. The Baltic Assembly draft documents shall be submitted in one of the national languages together with their translations into English”.

4. **To add** to the chapter “Initiation and Resolution of Issues” of the Regulations, after the first section, four new sections worded as follows:

“The drafts of the documents to be discussed at the regular sessions of the Baltic Assembly shall be submitted not later than two months before the session to the Presidium who shall appoint a leading committee to each draft. The leading

committee shall review the draft documents at its meeting and submit them with its opinion to the drafting committee not later than one month before the beginning of the session.

The drafting committee shall submit its opinion about each draft document to the leading committee and the Presidium not later than two weeks before the beginning of the session.

The delegations of the Baltic Assembly may irregularly submit the draft documents at the beginning of the session. In such case the Presidium shall immediately appoint the leading committee and forward the draft document also to the drafting committee. The leading committee and the drafting committee shall submit their opinions about the draft document to the Presidium who shall decide upon entering the document on the agenda of the session.”

The details of the order of procedure of the Baltic Assembly documents shall be established by the Standing Orders of the Baltic Assembly.”

5. **To add** to the Regulations, after the chapter “The Committees of the Baltic Assembly”, a new chapter “Drafting Committee” worded as follows:

“Drafting Committee

The Baltic Assembly shall form a standing drafting committee into which each delegation shall delegate two members at the end of each session of the Baltic Assembly.

After its formation the drafting committee shall elect its chairman. Generally a representative of the state where the next session of the Baltic Assembly shall be held will be elected chairman of the drafting committee. The chairman of the drafting committee shall lead and co-ordinate the work of the committee.

In accordance with the order established by the present Regulations and other documents adopted by the Baltic Assembly, the drafting committee shall review all draft documents submitted for the discussion at a session and give its opinion about them.”

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