

FINAL DOCUMENT
OF THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING
OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

The Baltic Assembly:

having gathered at its first plenary meeting on January 24-26, 1992 in Riga,

— **based upon** the legislative acts on the authority of the parliamentary delegations of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania,

— **proceeding from** the Regulations of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania Interparliamentary Assembly (Baltic Assembly),

— **being convinced of** the necessity for close cooperation in the areas of common interest, and

— **based upon** the proposals of the Presidium and the standing committees of the Baltic Assembly, comes forward with the following recommendations to the Parliaments and Governments of the Baltic States:

- to discuss the usefulness of preparing a draft interstate agreement with the aim of creating a legal basis for mutual cooperation;
- for the purpose of the development of the national economies of the Baltic States, to develop the general principles for creating a Common Baltic Market with a subsequent gradual integration into the European economic structures, acknowledging the highly significant role of cooperation with the Nordic Council, as well as the usefulness of participation by relevant international organizations in the drafting and review of social-economic programs and laws;
- to coordinate the legislation in economic, social and financial spheres, based upon the cooperation of Governments, the economic, budget and other standing commissions of the Supreme Councils, and the National Banks of the Baltic States;
- to coordinate the principles of cooperation with different educational, cultural and scientific structures of the European and world communities, as well as the legislation in the sphere of intellectual property protection, to create a legal basis for unifying the higher educational systems and the conferring of academic degrees;

- to engage in joint efforts so that the cultural heritage of the nations, their professional arts and academic potential should not suffer irreversible destruction during the transition to market economy;
- to sign, in accordance with the established procedures, a treaty between the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on cooperation in the sphere of environmental protection; and
- to consider as useful the re-establishment of the Legal Bureau of the Baltic States, which existed from 1931 to 1940, and to prepare the legal, organizational and financial fundamentals for its functioning.

The Baltic Assembly also supports the documents, prepared by the committees:

- the recommendations on joint activities in developing education, culture and science;
- the recommendations on re-establishing the Legal Bureau of the Baltic States;
- the recommendations on joint activities in developing communications, and
- the draft treaty between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania on cooperation in the sphere of environmental protection.

The Baltic Assembly proposes to conduct the next plenary meetings during the first ten days of June 1992 in the Republic of Lithuania.

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Rīga, January 26, 1992