

THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATIONS

On Joint Activities in Developing Communications

Being aware of:

the common trends in the development of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

the necessity of their integration into the economic structures of the Nordic Council and the Common Market member states;

the importance of preserving and developing the existing scientific and industrial potential in the communications field; and

the ever-increasing need to coordinate legislation and practical steps,

the Communications Committee comes forward with the following recommendations:

1. That the Parliaments and the Governments, in order to jointly develop the communications of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania:

- determine mutual and separate interests in the communications field, proceeding from a geographical position;
- start the coordination of legislation processes with exchanges of draft laws and taking into account the experience of the Nordic Council member states;
- coordinate the actions concerning the development and implementation of large-scale projects; and
- develop a joint policy in using foreign aid.

2. That the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Parliaments entrust their Governments by March 1, with the task of considering the basic concepts and principles for the coordination of actions in the following areas:

- the actual flows of freight cargoes and the analysis of the tendencies and prospects for their development;
- the use of the existing railway network and proposals on the conformity of the existing railway transportation to European standards;

- the formation of a new communications and telecommunications network;
- the realization of a policy which goal is to change the current subordination of the seaports under the Russian Federation Navy;
- the reconsideration of fishing quotas and fishing zones to protect the interests of all three member states; and
- the division of functions for a more complete use of the existing scientific and industrial potential in the manufacture of the means of communications and transportation.

The Parliaments of the Baltic Assembly member states would be informed about the adopted decisions.

3. That by the next session of the Republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania organize consultations and prepare proposals on:

- a plan regarding the supplies of gas and oil products;
- the main directions for the development of sea-, railway-, motor- and air-transport;
- the creation of a joint, integrated computer network (joint data base);
- a joint policy in the spheres of transit transportation and conformity of customs regulations; and
- cooperation on the development of radio and television.

4. That a joint commission be formed for the coordination of activities with the Nordic Council, taking into account the experience of the Nordic Council States in reviewing their legislation, with the aim of integration into the economic structures of the Common Market countries.

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of the Baltic Assembly,
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