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RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the Baltic Assembly for Coordinated Activities in the Spheres of Education, Culture and Science

The Committee notes that the cooperation of the Baltic States has provided an impetus for accelerating the solution of problems in the spheres of education, culture and science which are complicated, yet similar in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Contacts between specialists and scientists have broadened, the coordinations of state positions in working out their own legislative and standard acts has been executed, and the exchange of information and experiments of all structures participating in the reform of the educational, cultural and scientific systems has become more active.

Integration into the European Community requires mutual cooperation as well as awareness of the importance of maintaining not only the national identity of each of the Baltic States, but their unity as well. In connection with this, it is important to contribute to the mutual study of the Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian languages.

The establishment of a flexible system of professional education and adult education which allows adaption to the rapidly changing economic conditions gains particular importance.

The deterioration of the economic situation and the inflationary process do not allow for the allocation of sufficient budgetary resources for culture, science and higher education. In connection with this, the establishment of legislative, taxation, and other mechanisms which would stimulate investment in education, culture and science acquires exceptional importance in the Baltic States.

The Baltic States have taken the first steps in the transformation of their systems for the training and certification of scientists. This creates prerequisites for the preparation of agreements on the mutual recognition of educational diplomas and scientific degrees. Education, culture and science must facilitate the development of democratic principles, and in this way stabilize the internal situation in our countries and contribute to the cooperation between states.

The Committee holds that the interaction and cooperation of the parliaments must henceforth be aimed at:

- the establishment of a reliable system which provides mutual information on lawmaking and standard acts, including drafts, as well as concrete activities in the spheres of education, culture and science;
- the extension of the cooperation between executive state structures which are responsible for education, culture, science and innovative activities;
- the concrete definition of interaction in the sphere of protection of intellectual property;
- the promotion of research in the sphere of ethnography and its historical ties, with the object of promoting a feeling of unity among the Baltic States;

- the coordination of basic principles and the exchange of experiments in the establishment of their own flexible systems of professional education and adult education; and
- the extension and coordination of cooperation with the Nordic countries in the spheres of education, culture and science.

The Committee holds that it is necessary to proceed in the discussion and conclusion of the inter-governmental agreement of the Baltic States concerning student exchanges and in-service training of scientists.

The Committee supports the establishment of a fund for Baltic State prizes for literature, art, and research of ethnic heritage and mutual relations.

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