

STATEMENT

On Closer and More Intensive Cooperation Among the Baltic States and Nordic Countries

The Baltic Assembly

appreciates the well-established traditions and progress achieved in partnership among the Baltic States and Nordic Countries;

emphasises that in conditions of globalisation, it is strategically essential to have a closer cooperation and to combine resources in the framework of cooperation among Baltic and Nordic parliaments and governments in order to increase the competitiveness and development of the region;

welcomes the NB8 Wise Men Report, which includes practical recommendations for closer regional partnership, pooling of resources and promotion of recognisability of the NB8 cooperation on a European and global level;

highlights that the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers, together with the Nordic Council and the Nordic Council of Ministers, should coordinate implementation of recommendations included in the Report and thus ensure target-oriented and efficient representation of national interests of the countries of the region.

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