

# BALTIC ASSEMBLY

## RESOLUTION

### Concerning Cooperation Between the Baltic States in the Field of Culture

The Baltic Assembly, positively evaluating the Agreement of the Ministry of Culture and Education of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania on the Cooperation between the Baltic States in the Field of Culture, recommends to the Baltic Council of Ministers the following priorities of cultural cooperation:

- 1) efforts to preserve the ethnic uniqueness of each country, jointly fostering and popularizing the traditions of national culture;
- 2) creation of board opportunities for gaining knowledge of the cultural heritage of each country and the contemporary cultural values in all spheres of professional and amateur arts;
- 3) encouragement of the organization of joint cultural and art events, exchange of artists and their groups;
- 4) cooperation in organizing and holding international competitions, festivals, exhibitions and other cultural events;
- 5) cooperation in the field of protection of cultural monuments;
- 6) cooperation between libraries, museums, publishing houses, other cultural institutions;
- 7) cooperation in the fields of television, cinema, audio and video art;
- 8) exchange of information about cooperation with international organizations and other countries;
- 9) cooperation concerning the return of cultural items and objects, which have been illegally taken away from the Baltic States, to their rightful owners or their rightful heirs;
- 10) cooperation in the field of intellectual property, especially in the sphere of copyright and relations with appropriate international organizations;
- 11) exchange of information about legal acts passed by the Baltic States in the field of culture and their implementation;
- 12) support of the cultural heritage of ethnic minorities (especially of the indigenous minorities: setus, livs and karaites); and
- 13) efforts to develop cooperation in the fields of sport, tourism, youth exchange programmes.