

# THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

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## RESOLUTION

### **On the Common Policy of the Baltic States Concerning NATO Membership**

**Anxious** about the security of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania,

**concerned** about the protracted debate on the eastward extension of NATO,

**being aware** of the desire of the Baltic States to become full members of NATO at the earliest possible date and at the same time of the fact that the governments of these states have not yet developed a unified approach to obtaining NATO membership,

**considering** that essential talks on the enlargement of NATO are to be started by the NATO Council in the near future and assuming that the Baltic States will be regarded as acceptable candidates,

the Baltic Assembly appeals to the governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania without delay to develop a common policy and take effective joint preparatory steps — organizational, administrative, military and political — to facilitate an early accession to NATO by all three Baltic States.

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