

# **AGREEMENT ON PARLIAMENTARY CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY AND THE NORDIC COUNCIL**

**In view** of the established co-operation of the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council (referred to as the Parties),

**based upon** the 1992 Agreement on Parliamentary Co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council, and

**being aware** of the necessity to further develop co-operation between the respective parliamentary bodies to strengthen common concerns regarding security and stability in the Baltic Sea region,

the Parties agree on the following principles of co-operation:

## **1. Parliamentary co-operation**

The two Parties work both individually and closely with each other and the respective parliaments for the development of parliamentary co-operation and parliamentary democracy, exchange of experience and the promotion of mutual understanding.

## **2. Areas of co-operation**

The two Parties through their respective presidiums shall, on regular basis, agree to the priority areas for co-operation. Areas of special interest for co-operation include the political, economic, legal, ecological, social, cultural and educational development of the region, security and the fight against organised crime and illegal migration.

### 3. Mode of co-operation

In order to achieve the objectives set by this Agreement the Parties agree to the following modes of co-operation:

**Statutory sessions:** The Parties shall invite the representatives of each other to participate at the respective plenary sessions, held by the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council as well as to seminars, whenever matters of mutual interest are discussed. The Parties shall also hold joint meetings on a regular basis.

**Other international events arranged by the Parties:** whenever matters of mutual interest and concern are discussed.

**Co-operation at a political level and between the two Secretariats:** whenever required, and securing continuous flow of information of activities of both Parties.

### 4. Exchange of documentation

The two Parties shall exchange official documentation, resolutions and recommendations relevant to their co-operation and in the spirit of this Agreement without undue delay.

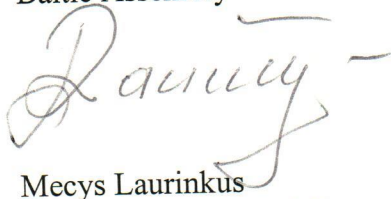
The Chairpersons of the two Parties will exchange the Agenda of plenary sessions.

This Agreement contains the framework for co-operation between the two Parties. It shall in no way prevent or hinder the development of co-operation between the Parties in other areas of mutual interest.

This Agreement may be revised and/or amended by consensual agreement of the two Parties' presidiums.

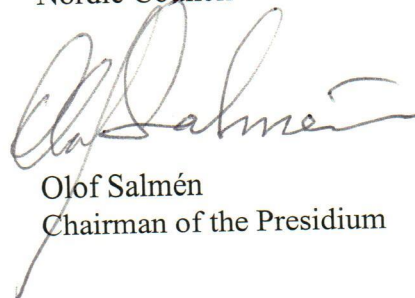
Signed on 26 September 1997 in Kalmar, Sweden, in two authentic copies in English, both having the same effect.

On behalf of the  
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On behalf of the  
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