



**THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
ENERGY COMMITTEE AND THE NORDIC COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The undersigned Committees,
having regard to

- the Agreement on Parliamentary Cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council signed on 26 September 1997 in Kalmar as supplemented by the Joint Statement of the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council signed on 29 April 2005 in Pärnu;
- the Memorandums of Understanding of the said Committees signed on 23 May 2003 in Tallinn and 22 September 2005 in Karlstad, Sweden,

have agreed:

On sustainable and safe energy supply from a European perspective

Energy policy involves important issues such as:

- sustainable energy production and consumption;
- supply security and safety;
- carbon dioxide reduction targets.

Energy policy is a matter of national concern and should also be an important issue for regional cooperation. In the Baltic Sea region, the BASREC collaboration among the governments of all coastal countries has been established. At the European level, the European Commission issued a Green Book on energy policy in 2006. The Green Book was followed by a policy document in January 2007.

Both Committees will exchange and discuss information on the development of energy policies in their respective countries and will discuss the national policies of energy supplies in a regional and Europe-wide perspective. Both Committees intend to communicate common views to the governments and the media.

On combating eutrophication in the Baltic Sea

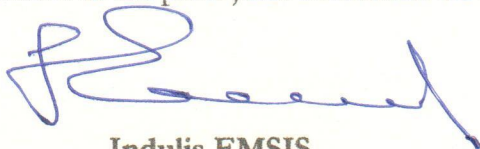
Eutrophication is a serious threat to the environment and biodiversity of the Baltic Sea and outdoor recreation, which are of great importance for all the countries bordering the sea. One of the major difficulties is found in poor integration of agriculture, fisheries, energy and transport policies into the broader environmental policies. Reliable and durable solutions must be based on cooperation among the countries which all contribute to the prevailing problem.

Both Committees, as active partners in the BSCP Working Group on Eutrophication, will encourage the BSCP Working Group to suggest a draft resolution to the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference in Berlin in August 2007, urging the relevant institutions to develop policies to alleviate the problem and to attract political attention to this problem in the national parliaments and governments. Both Committees agree that the BSCP Working Group should scrutinise the influence of various EU policies on eutrophication and should strive to maintain a dialogue with HELCOM and the CBSS during this process.

On the general mode of cooperation

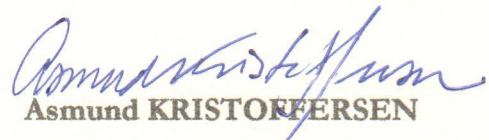
Both committees have agreed to:

- meet regularly and/or to send representatives to the meetings of the corresponding Committee;
- inform each other of activities by exchanging work plans on a regular basis;
- enter into specific cooperation on other issues of common interest whenever appropriate;
- address responsible governments and/or international organisations with parallel Nordic Council recommendations/Baltic Assembly resolutions whenever relevant;
- release to the press joint statements on specific issues.



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