

THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION

on the Extension of the Rights of the Child

The Baltic Assembly,

taking account of the aggravation of social problems accompanying the transition period that has influenced children and families with children;

bearing in mind the growing number of children left without parental care, not attending school nor working, children who have become victims of crimes or taken part in committing crimes,

recommends the Baltic Council of Ministers to make a proposal to the Governments and Parliaments of the three Baltic states:

- **to accede to** the European Convention on the Exercise of the Children's Rights, the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption and the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;
- **to work out** state programmes on the protection of the rights of the child, involving all relevant governmental institutions, local governments and non-governmental institutions.

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