

**RESOLUTION**

**ON ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN A CRIMINAL  
PROCEDURE**

The Baltic Assembly,

**noting** that the Baltic States are increasing their attention to combating of organised crime which causes severe harm to society;

**taking into account** the fact that criminal structures oppose this and increasingly resort to threat and physical pressure of the persons who expose the criminals, and this, in turn, obliges the state to protect participants in a criminal procedure, particularly victims and witnesses;

**considering** that the effectiveness of such protection is frequently complicated because of the small individual territories of the Baltic States,

**urges** the Governments of the Baltic States to discuss co-operation among the law protection bodies in providing the possibility of protection for persons participating in the combating of organised crime, and, if necessary, to draw up intergovernmental agreements concerning this issue.