

**APPEAL**

**TO THE BALTIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**On Curbing Illicit Transit of and Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs,  
Psychotropic Substances and Precursors**

**The Baltic Assembly,**

**taking into account** the fact that the Baltic States are located at the intersection of transcontinental trade routes and pointing out that criminal organisations try to use Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania for illicit transit of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors;

**emphasising** the wish of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to establish a uniform customs and border control administration system, as well as to curb the illicit distribution of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in the Baltic States,

**calls on**

- the governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to pay special attention to the need to intensify the combat of illicit transit of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors;
- the parliaments and the governments, particularly the ministries of finance, the ministries of the interior and the ministries of justice of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to make the relevant amendments to legislative and regulatory acts with a view to allocating the necessary resources and improving the performance of the border guard, customs services and the police in curbing the illicit transit of and trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors in the Baltic States.

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