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of the 23rd Session of the Baltic Assembly

The Baltic Assembly,

having convened on 17 – 19 December 2004 in Riga, the Republic of Latvia, for its 23rd Session;

having discussed mutual information exchange and co-ordination of matters among the Baltic States with regard to the EU and NATO, development of co-operation in rendering assistance to and sharing reform experience with third countries, as well as social aspects of migration,

adopted the following documents:

- Resolution on Labour Market Policy and Migration in the EU Context,
- Resolution on the System of Financing Health Care in the Baltic States,
- Resolution on Cooperation between the Baltic States and Nordic Countries with Regard to the Quality of Education,
- Resolution on Cooperation among the Baltic States in Implementing the Schengen Action Plan,
- Resolution on the Need to Assess the Damage Inflicted on the Baltic States by the Occupation,
- Resolution on the Situation in Ukraine,
- Resolution Regarding Accusations by the State Duma of the Russian Federation,
- Decision on Amendments to the Baltic Assembly Statutes,
- Decision on Amendments to the Regulations on the Secretariat of the Baltic Assembly;

approved the Baltic Assembly Budget Report for 2003 and the Baltic Assembly Budget for 2005;

defined the following priorities of the Baltic Assembly for 2005:

- Co-operation with the new EU neighbouring countries,
- Improvement of living standards and the quality of education in the Baltic States after their joining the EU and NATO,
- The role of NGOs in forming civil society. Integration into society of people with special needs;

defined the following priorities for co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers in 2005:

- Development of the Baltic Sea economic region,
- Development of civil defence and civil security in the region,
- Protection of the marine environment and enhancing maritime safety; and

decided that the 24th Session of the Baltic Assembly will take place on 24 – 26 November 2005 in Tallinn, the Republic of Estonia.

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