

## RESOLUTION

### On Cooperation between the Baltic States and Nordic Countries with Regard to the Quality of Education

In order to reach the goal set by the European Council in Lisbon in March 2000 so that the European Union would become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economic area in the world, one that is capable of sustainable economic growth and that can ensure better and more job opportunities and greater social cohesion,

**the Baltic Assembly** recommends:

**paying attention to** the motivation of learning by pupils and to eliminating the reasons why pupils do not attend school;

**improving** the quality of secondary education which would meet society's demand and ensure the opportunity to continue education and enter the labour market;

**increasing** the number of graduates in mathematics, natural sciences and new technologies;

**increasing** the number of the persons (from 25 to 64 years old) who are engaged in life-long education programmes;

**promoting** the improvement of general and professional education teachers through various forms of cooperation (exchange of experience, working groups, joint production of instructional materials and teaching aids, study programmes, etc.);

**working out** criteria for evaluating the quality of branches of foreign higher education institutions and ensuring that these criteria comply with the Bologna process and with the international principles of the Best Cooperation Practices Code;

**improving** the quality of education by applying research findings and modern technologies;

**facilitating** information exchange between education policy makers and education quality specialists in the Baltic States and Nordic countries.

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