

BALTIC ASSEMBLY
The Presidium

NORDIC COUNCIL
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**AGREEMENT ON PARLIAMENTARY CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY AND THE NORDIC COUNCIL**

This Agreement of parliamentary co-operation is to determine the priority areas of co-operation of mutual interest to both parties. Priority areas may be revised on a yearly basis. Amendments to this Agreement of parliamentary co-operation are to be approved by the presidiums of the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council.

The presidiums have agreed to co-operate within the following priority areas:

A. Development of democratic institutions

parliamentary democracy:

- Parliamentary scholarship programme

legislative co-operation:

- assistance in the establishment of Baltic Legislative co- operation
- exchange of legal experts
- exchange of law literature
- protection of Human Rights

B. Co-operation in Specialised Areas

environmental protection:

- action programme for cleaning of the Baltic Sea
- development of modern purification technology security policy:
 - withdrawal of **foreign** military forces
 - nuclear safety in the Baltic Sea area
- culture and education:
 - scholarship programme for students trade and market economy
 - exchange of experts on economic co-operation agriculture
 - restructuring of agriculture communications
 - construction of Via Baltica energy
 - rationalisation of energy consumption

Organisational forms of parliamentary co-operation:

- representatives to be invited to participate at parliamentary sessions, Seminars and other international events arranged by the Baltic Assembly or the Nordic Council whenever topics of mutual interest to be discussed;
- the presidiums of the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council meet whenever needed to discuss and settle general principles for their co-operation;
- the joint working committee, chaired by the presidents, will meet whenever needed;
- the joint working-committee, chaired by the presidents, will meet whenever needed;
- committee level contracts, meetings and co-operation should take place whenever needed;
- secretariat level contacts to take place on a regular basis:

- training and technical assistance to the national secretariats of the Baltic Assembly
- information exchange on a regular basis:
 - by the national secretariats to the Baltic Assembly
 - by the Nordic Information Offices as local points.

Technical realisation

- joint meetings will be chaired by host organisation;
- number of participants should be limited and not exceed the number of invited delegates;
- the national administration will be in charge of travel costs (in the Nordic area: only flights to the Nordic capitals);
- hotel accommodation and meals are payed by the host organisation;
- all other arrangements will be specified by separate agreement.

This agreement on parliamentary co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Nordic Council has been written in two identical and equally valid copies in English and Russian signed in

Palanga, May 30, 1992
On Behalf of
THE PRESIDUM OF THE
BALTIC ASSEMBLY

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