

RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the Baltic Assembly for the Development of a Communications Network

The preparatory analysis carried out by the Committee on Communications of the Baltic Assembly regarding projects for the development of a communications network of European-transport arteries connecting Northern countries with Central and Western Europe, as well as various types and networks of communications in the area directly related to the three Baltic States, has shown that in all projects of transport, the interests of the development of the economy of the Baltic States themselves have not been sufficiently taken into consideration. In particular, the necessity for the establishment of proper transport corridors in the "North-South" direction, as well as a number of other issues which are of significance to our states, have been completely overlooked.

Issues under discussion are geographically strategic, and therefore the Committee on Communications suggests that the governments of the Baltic States carry out a more thorough complex analysis of these projects with the assistance of experts from the Ministries of Transport, Communication, Finance, and Foreign Affairs, as well as scientists from the Academy of Sciences.

We suggest that the following be included in the range of issues to be resolved:

- the determination of main corridors of transport which gave international strategic transportational importance;
- the determination of the main directions of telecommunications and electronic information development;
- the exposure of the weak points and potential of the existing infrastructure in strategic transport corridors in relation with transport, communication and electronic information problems, as well as the survey of national programs on these issues;
- the enumeration of priority projects related to the infrastructure of the three Baltic States.

Based on the recommendations for mutual activities in the development of communications as developed by the Baltic Assembly on 26 January 1992, and realizing the necessity for integration into the economic structures of Nordic Council and Common Market states, the Committee on Communications of the Baltic Assembly suggests:

- that parliaments and governments unite their efforts in settling the aforementioned concept which would facilitate the determination of the socioeconomic potential of a region as well as the coordination of activities in the spheres of power engineering, transport, telecommunications, electronic information, the metal market, oil products, building materials, sea ports and others;

- that Common Market and Northern Council states, as well as other states interested in the solution of aforementioned problems, be appealed to for financial support in working out concrete projects;
- that while working out the concept, the settlement of “the Conference of European Transport Ministers” and “the Meeting of Transport Groups of Twenty Four Countries” be taken into account.

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