

BALTIC ASSEMBLY

APPEAL

Concerning Coordinated Visa and Consular Assistance Policies for the Baltic States

The Baltic Assembly recalling the Appeal of the 4th session of the Baltic Assembly on 15 May 1994 to the Nordic Council concerning the coordination of consular assistance policies and procedures;

appeals to the Nordic Council to:

1. Adopt a visa regime for the Baltic States which, in the first instance, will allow citizens of the Baltic States having obtained a visa to one Nordic country to also visit the other Nordic countries for the remaining period of validity of the original visa without having to obtain a separate visa for each Nordic country.
2. Examine the possibility of:
 - a) concluding visa-free agreements between the Baltic States and each of the Nordic countries where these have not yet been concluded;
 - b) allowing citizens of the Baltic States to utilize the same simplified border crossing procedures as now exist for citizens of the European Union; and
 - c) concluding agreements with the Baltic States for the extension of consular assistance to citizens of the Baltic States in third countries where there is no consular representation of the Baltic States.

Vilnius, November 13, 1994