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**STATEMENT**

The Baltic Assembly, having acquainted itself with the statement by the Federal Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation of 25th October, 1995, which has been officilly given to the Parliament of Latvia, states the following:

it is the unquestionable right of every state independently to choose and freely to implement its foreign policy course;

the Baltic Assembly expresses its astonishment and regret at the Russian Federal Council's view of the principles of international relations and of the specific situation in this particular case;

the three Baltic states see as one of the basic guarantees for their stability and security their consistant movement towards the European Union and their increasing involvement in the European Union states' cooperation and Transatlantic security structures;

the clear objective of the foreign policy of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia is to become NATO member states and their endeavours towards the implementation of this objective are irreversible;

the three Baltic States are participants in the "Partnership for Peace" programme and regard this participation as an important factor in strengthening all-embracing trust and security;

the Baltic Assembly expects the Russian Federation to share the same views and not to oppose the European stability in the Baltic region.

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