

BALTIC ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT

**CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS IN THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION**

Following the elections of the Russian Duma and with the election of the President of Russia approaching, the situation in this neighbouring country is becoming even more complicated, including the continuation of the war in Chechnya. The forces which have won the elections to the Duma, with their political resolutions reject the democratic way which was chosen in 1990-1991 and strive to restore the USSR. They increase the propagandistic, economic and political pressure on the Baltic States which have regained freedom after 50 years of occupation.

The Baltic Assembly invites all the countries and political forces to support democracy in Russia and to provide specific guarantees for the independence of the Baltic States.

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