THE PRESIDIUM OF THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY AND THE BUREAU OF
THE BENELUX INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

DECISION
ON PRIORITIES OF COOPERATION IN 2007-2008

The Presidium of the Baltic Assembly and the Bureau of the Benelux
Interparliamentary Consultative Council,

having discussed that cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and the
Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council gives additional value within a
larger European format and that closer cooperation and a uniform stand in the spheres
which affect common interests will lend greater importance to the issues raised and
give a chance to positively affect the course of the process;

emphasizing the necessity to introduce amendments to the legal basis of the
cooperation between the Baltic Assembly and the Benelux Interparliamentary
Consultative Council in order to adapt Baltic – Benelux parliamentary cooperation to
the new challenges and conditions of the international environment;

underlining that the main goal of cooperation of both organizations is to
promote deeper European integration, expansion of welfare, political consensus and
economic development,

have defined the following priorities of cooperation between both
organizations in 2007 – 2008:

1. Development of rural tourism in the Baltic and Benelux countries;
2. Preservation of cultural heritage and its inclusion in modern
architecture;
3. Vocational education and the labour market;
4. Legal and illegal migration;
5. Children and family policy, gender equality;
6. Energy strategy (gasification, European energy strategy);
7. Fight against terrorism.

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