

THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

RESOLUTION

on the Negotiations about the Schengen Visa Space

The Baltic Assembly

expresses its deep satisfaction about the successful progress of the negotiations on visa-free travelling between the governments of the Baltic States and Finland, Sweden, and Norway, which for the Baltic peoples means a great move towards Europe,

convinced that the new situation in the travelling procedures in the Baltic area established as a result of the recent agreements between the Baltic States and the Nordic Countries will contribute to the starting of negotiations between the Baltic States and the Schengen States about joining the Schengen visa space,

recalls that the representatives of the parliaments of the Baltic States and the Schengen States discussed this issue in December 1995 in Luxemburg and in a joint statement the Schengen States expressed readiness to start consultations aiming at facilitating the formalities connected with travelling between these states, and

recommends the governments of the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania to propose the governments of the Schengen States to start as soon as possible direct negotiations about the Baltic States joining the Schengen visa space.

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