RESOLUTION
on Ensuring Security at Public Events

The Baltic Assembly,

considering the continued expansion of tourism and entertainment business in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as the increase in the number of privately organised commercial and other public events,

concerned by the tragic accidents that have occurred during public events in recent years in the Baltic states as well as in other countries,

mindful of the need to ensure, in order to guarantee the security of participants, a faultless organisation and carrying out of public events and prevention of accidents that may happen at these events,

calls on the Parliaments and Governments of the three Baltic states to regulate legislatively and organisationally the issues of ensuring security at public events, including:

— legal regulation of relations between organisers of public events and local governments, police, rescue services and institutions that offer security services, and determination of concrete obligations and responsibility of each of them;

— establishment of the order of informing the general public of the issues related to the organisation of public events and ensuring security at these events, with the use of both public and private media of mass communication;

— provision, in each particular case, of co-ordination of the activities of public and self-governing structures entrusted with ensuring the security at public events;

recommends to create centralised public reserves of technical means necessary to the police and rescue services in ensuring the proper order and security of people at public events, especially at those organised in small settlements and localities distant from capitals;

calls on the relevant public structures of the three Baltic states to regularly exchange information and share the experience accumulated in organising public events.

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