

THE BALTIC ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATIONS

On the Re-establishment of the Legal Bureau of the Baltic States

Having discussed the question about the coordination of the Baltic States' legislative work, the Baltic Assembly's Legal Committee concluded that it would be useful to re-establish the Legal Bureau of the Baltic States, which functioned from 1931 to 1940.

In this connection the Baltic Assembly turns to the Baltic States' Governments with a proposal to prepare the legal, organizational and financial fundamentals for the functioning of the Legal Bureau by the next Baltic Assembly's session.

The Baltic Assembly regards it necessary to emphasize, that the basic directions of the activities of the Baltic States' Legal Bureau could be:

- a systematic information exchange on legal issues;
- a comparative analysis of Baltic States' legislation; and
- preparation of proposals for the coordination of Baltic States' legislation, taking into consideration the experience of the Nordic Council, the Council of Europe and the European Community.

The Baltic Assembly recommends that the Legal Committee should organize a discussion on this issue, inviting all interested parties.

This discussion could also review the question about an agreement on rendering legal assistance on civil matters, family law matters, arbitration and criminal matters.

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