REGULATIONS
On the Activities of the Women’s Group
of the Baltic Assembly

Article 1. Women’s Group of the Baltic Assembly
To express similar interests and views female members of the national
delegations shall, on the basis of an appropriate joint statement, establish a women’s
group.

Article 2. Tasks and Competence of the Women’s Group
The tasks of the women’s group shall be as follows:
— to consider issues relevant to the members of the appropriate group;
— to adopt general provisions regarding the considered issues;
— to consider and draft documents referred to it by the Presidium during
  sessions.
The rights of the women’s group shall be as follows:
— to initiate adoption of a document of any form;
— to submit drafts of documents to the Presidium or the session, and to propose
  voting on them;
— to supervise the implementation of the documents drawn up by it and
  adopted by the Baltic Assembly;
— to familiarize the women’s groups of the national parliaments with the
  documents adopted by the Baltic Assembly which are within their remit;
— to pose questions to the Baltic Council of Ministers and to receive answers to
  them.

Article 3. Members of the Women’s Group
Female members of the national delegations may set up the women’s group. The
women’s group must comprise at least 5 female members from not less than two
national delegations.

Article 4. Chairwoman and Deputy Chairwoman of the Women’s Group
The women’s group shall elect a chairwoman and a deputy chairwoman
according to the principle of rotation and shall inform the Presidium of the Baltic
Assembly thereof.

Article 5. Meetings of the Women’s Group
Meetings of the women’s group shall be convened at least once a year. The
chairwoman of the women’s group shall convene meetings, draw up their agendas and
fix the date and place of the meetings.
Members of the party groups (factions) of the Baltic Assembly, members of the
women’s groups of other parliamentary cooperation organizations, representatives of
the women’s groups of the national parliaments, representatives of the governments, as well as experts may be invited to attend meetings of the women’s group.

Meetings shall be organized by the national secretary of the member state in which the meeting of the women’s group is held.

The Baltic Assembly Secretariat shall conduct meetings and take minutes thereof. The minutes shall indicate the time and place of a meeting, surnames of the participants, issues considered, principal positions and adopted decisions. The minutes shall be signed by the presiding officer and the person who has taken the minutes.

**Article 6. Decisions of the Women’s Group**

The powers of the women’s group of the Baltic Assembly shall be valid if at its meeting at least two national delegations of the Baltic Assembly are represented by at least two female members each, including the chairwoman or deputy chairwoman of the women’s group.

Decisions of the women’s group shall be adopted at a meeting of the women’s group by consensus of the members attending the meeting.

**Article 7. Financial Support for the Women’s Group**

The women’s group shall enjoy the right to the same financial support as all other party groups (factions).

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