

## RESOLUTION

### On Co-operation among Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in Developing Science and Technology

The Baltic Assembly,

**being mindful of** the necessity

*to create* a knowledge-based society and economy in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

*to establish* a harmonised system for the interaction of science and manufacturing in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, functioning in accordance with a modern model of innovation and a system for managing innovation activities;

*to prepare* and implement horizontal, regional and sectoral programmes for innovation development;

*to seek* effective co-operation of universities, scientific research institutes and business undertakings of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

*to participate* in research when carrying out international programmes or concrete projects and thus to become integrated into the European research system, to make use of its vast financial and technological resources, and to take over advanced institutional experience,

**calls on** the governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to appropriate necessary funds for the development of science and technology in order to ensure comprehensive development of the Baltic Assembly member states;

**proposes** to set up a science and technology co-ordination council under the Baltic Council of Ministers in order to develop co-operation of the Baltic Assembly member states in science and technology and to harmonise R&D policy with international priorities, European Union assistance programmes and sources of funding.

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