BALTIC ASSEMBLY

APPEAL

to the Parliaments of the Baltic States

The citizenship laws of the Baltic States have been drafted taking into account
the consequences and possible impact of the fifty-year period of occupation.
These laws do not include the Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians who for
historical reasons found themselves in one of the other Baltic States after World
War II.

The Baltic Assembly, meeting in Jūrmala (Ķemerī) from May 13-15, 1994,
requests the Parliaments of the Baltic States to take into account the fact that
Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians, who came for permanent residence to any
of the Baltic States after June 1940, should not be regarded as aliens, as are
citizens of the former Soviet Union. Many Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians
were prevented from returning to their native countries by the occupational
regime.

The Baltic Assembly recommends to the Parliaments and Governments of its
Member States that they should ensure that the laws which regulate the legal
status of aliens should provide for favourable treatment of Estonians, Latvians
and Lithuanians who came to reside in one of the other Baltic States after June
1940.

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Jūrmala (Ķemerī), May 15, 1994