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The Baltic Assembly,

having met at the Ninth Session on October 5-6, 1996 in Rīga;

being assured that close cooperation between the Baltic States is necessary in spheres of common interest;

having debated in session the mutual integration of the Baltic States in the context of the European Union;

approved the following documents:
—  Resolution on the Common Policy of the Baltic States Concerning NATO Membership;
—  Resolution on Cooperation in Border Policies;
—  Resolution on Harmonizing the Legislation of the Baltic States;
—  Resolution on the Reform of the System of Serving Sentences for Criminal Offenses;
—  Resolution on the Rights of the Child;
—  Resolution on Rational Use of Energy Taking into Account the Potential of Renewable Energy Resources in the Baltic States;
—  Declaration on Sustainable Management of Forests and Certification of Sustainably Managed Forests;
—  Resolution on the Return of Archives;
—  Resolution on the Creation of the Common Baltic States’ Film and Video Distribution Area;
—  Resolution on the Cooperation of the Baltic States in Combating Smuggling,

decided to hold the next session of the Baltic Assembly in Pärnu in April 1997.

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Rīga, October 6, 1996