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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, and

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

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