The Baltic Assembly,

considering the negative influence of the smuggling of alcohol, tobacco products and oil products on the economies of the Baltic States,

recommends the Baltic Council of Ministers:

— to ensure that the governments of the Baltic States conclude an agreement on a common transit procedure;

— to achieve an agreement on conditions of guaranteeing the transit of goods in the Baltic States;

— to propose that the Government of the Republic of Latvia introduce a state-guaranteed transit procedure through customs which is similar to that of the countries of the European Union and which is already functioning in Estonia and Lithuania;

— to facilitate the unification of criminal and administrative penalties for offenses related to smuggling and transit.

Riga, October 6, 1996