

## RESOLUTION

### On Measures for Preventing Smuggling

The Baltic Assembly,

**noting** the positive developments of recent years in the trilateral co-operation of the Baltic states, including the co-operation of their customs administrations, and their common objective, to create a single economic area in the Baltic Region,

**considering** that the co-operation in launching the common Baltic transit, unifying the tax rates and strengthening the customs surveillance helps to prevent the smuggling of excisable and other goods,

**calls on** the Baltic Council of Ministers:

- **to accelerate** the launching of the common Baltic transit;
- **to improve** the co-operation of the appropriate bodies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in elaborating effective measures for preventing tax fraud;
- **to develop** the customs surveillance, in order to render the fight against smuggling more effective in all the Baltic states, in compliance with the requirements of the European Union.

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