

RESOLUTION

On the Prevention of the Spread of Alcoholism

The Baltic Assembly,

pointing out that the spread of alcoholism and abuse of alcoholic drinks threaten the health, mental potential and social development of nations, jeopardise the prospects of the young generation, create conditions for delinquency and pose a threat to society,

calls on the Governments of the Republic of Estonia, Republic of Latvia and Republic of Lithuania to:

- **combine** the efforts of public agencies and non-governmental organisations, including the church, as well as of family and school, in working out comprehensive measures to minimise the consumption of alcohol;
- **develop** and **strengthen** international cooperation in harmonising excise taxes and co-ordinating activities in preventing the illegal traffic in alcohol and the production of alcohol of poor quality;
- **pay** special attention to the protection of children and teenagers from alcohol;
- **work out** more efficient national strategies for preventing alcohol addiction and relieving the consequences of alcohol abuse;
- **report** to the national Parliament, as well as inform the Baltic Assembly, of the follow-up measures.

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