

RESOLUTION

On Further Development of the National Languages of the Baltic States in a Common Baltic Education Space

The Baltic Assembly,

appreciating the measures for the protection and development of languages of small European nations declared by the European Union for 2001;

recognising the great importance of a common Baltic education space in strengthening unity and mutual understanding of the Baltic States as they prepare for accession to the European Union;

emphasising the particular importance of the national languages of the Baltic States in further development of communication among the countries and promoting co-operation in all spheres of the economy;

calls on the Baltic Council of Ministers to:

- **recognise** the great importance of the acquisition of the national languages of the Baltic States in ensuring further development of a common Baltic education space;
- **coordinate** actions with regard to the process of acquisition of the national languages of the Baltic States, as well as with regard to methodological, material and technical issues;
- **facilitate** teaching of the national languages of the Baltic States in secondary and higher educational institutions in the border areas of the Baltic States by including in their curricula programmes of teaching the languages of the neighbouring states and by providing qualified teachers and textbooks, particularly, dictionaries of the Baltic States' national languages;
- **continue** further development of a common Baltic education space, emphasising the importance of learning the Baltic States' national languages in order to promote co-operation and harmonised mutual actions.

Tallinn, December 15, 2001