

RESOLUTION

On the Cooperation of the Baltic States in the Control of Dangerous and Extremely Dangerous Infectious Diseases

The Baltic Assembly,

taking into account the positions of the World Health Organisation and of the bodies of the European Union on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention and control of infectious diseases,

notes the emergence of a new threat to the population of the Baltic States — the possible use of bacteriological weapons and other actions of terrorists aimed at the propagation of extremely dangerous infectious diseases;

recognises the importance of international cooperation in strengthening the control of extremely dangerous diseases;

notes that an efficient system of prevention and control of infectious diseases is an obligatory requirement for socio-economic development and integration into the European Union;

proposes that the Baltic Council of Ministers pay special attention to the cooperation of the Baltic states in the prevention and control of extremely dangerous infectious diseases by monitoring the occurrence of these diseases, creating a system of prompt response and international exchange of information, raising the awareness of the population of these issues and establishing active international cooperation among the competent national and local government agencies and other interested bodies and organisations.

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