

## RESOLUTION

### **On the Cooperation of the Veterinary Services of the Baltic States in Protecting Their Territories from Dangerous Infectious Animal Diseases**

The Baltic Assembly,

**taking into account** the possibility of spreading of dangerous infectious diseases (foot-and-mouth disease, BSE) accompanying the widening of international trade;

**emphasising** the increasing role of national veterinary services in protecting Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania from the infectious diseases mentioned above;

**striving** to enhance the cooperation and communication between the veterinary services of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania;

**calls on** the Baltic Council of Ministers to encourage the heads of national veterinary services to establish, at their next working meeting, a working group of leading specialists in the field of prevention and control of dangerous infectious diseases in order to ensure systematic exchange of experience and closer cooperation in combating dangerous infectious diseases.

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