

DECISION

On Introducing Amendments to the Statutes of the Baltic Assembly

The Baltic Assembly has decided to introduce the following amendments to the Statutes of the Baltic Assembly:

1. To restate paragraph 2 of Article 9 to read as follows:

“2. At the end of each Session of the Baltic Assembly, the head of the national delegation of the next presiding state shall become the Chairman of the Presidium for the next calendar year. The incumbent Chairman shall perform his/her functions till 1 January.”

2. To supplement paragraph 3 of Article 11 with the second sentence to read as follows:

“At least once a year the Presidium shall invite chairmen and vice chairmen of the committees and representatives of the Baltic Council of Ministers to its meeting to evaluate the activities of the current year and to set priorities for the next year.”

3. In article 13:

to restate the 2nd sub-paragraph of paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“2) Economic Affairs, Communications and Informatics Committee;”

to restate the 7th sub-paragraph of paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“7) Social Affairs Committee.”

4. In Article 16:

to delete the word “autumn” from the 3rd sub-paragraph of paragraph 3;

to delete the word “spring” from the 4th sub-paragraph of paragraph 3.

5. In Article 17:

to restate the first sentence of paragraph 1 to read as follows:

“1. At the end of each Session, the national delegation of the next presiding state shall appoint chairmen of committees from among its members.”;

to supplement the third sentence of paragraph 1, after the words “vice chairmen”, with the words: *“for the next calendar year”;*

to restate the first sentence of paragraph 3 to read as follows:

“3. In the absence of a committee chairman, the vice chairman from the previous presiding state of the Baltic Assembly shall act as chairman of the committee.”

6. In Article 18:
to replace in paragraph 1 the words “at least twice in six months” by the words “*at least three times a year*”;
to supplement paragraph 2 with the second sentence to read as follows:
“*Committee meetings should be held in each BA member state insofar as possible.*”;
to supplement paragraph 3 with the second sentence to read as follows:
“*Committees may organise joint events, and chairmen of the respective committees shall decide who will chair these events.*”

7. In Article 22:
to restate the first sentence of paragraph 1 to read as follows:
“1. The chairman of the Drafting Committee shall be appointed *by the delegation of the next presiding state*, and his/her name shall be announced at the session together with the composition of the Drafting Committee.”
to restate paragraph 3 to read as follows:
“3. In the absence of the chairman of the Drafting Committee, his/her duties shall be performed by the vice chairman *who is from the national delegation of the previous presiding state.*”

8. In Article 26:
to restate paragraph 1 to read as follows:
“1. *A regular Session of the Baltic Assembly shall be held once a year in the presiding country.*”;
to restate paragraph 3 to read as follows:
“3. *The term of presidency of the Baltic Assembly shall be one calendar year and the presidency shall be held alternately by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Not later than two months before the beginning of the Session, the presiding state shall set the exact venue of the Session, and the secretary of its delegation shall notify the Baltic Assembly Secretariat and the secretaries of other national delegations thereof.*”

9. To delete the word “autumn” from paragraph 1 of Article 55.

10. To supplement paragraph 4 of Article 60 with the second sentence to read as follows:
“*The Baltic Assembly may request from the Baltic Council of Ministers a progress report on the implementation of Baltic Assembly resolutions.*”

The amendments enter into force as of 1 January 2003.

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