

REGULATIONS

On the Activities of the Women's Group of the Baltic Assembly

Article 1. Women's Group of the Baltic Assembly

To express similar interests and views female members of the national delegations shall, on the basis of an appropriate joint statement, establish a women's group.

Article 2. Tasks and Competence of the Women's Group

The tasks of the women's group shall be as follows:

- to consider issues relevant to the members of the appropriate group;
- to adopt general provisions regarding the considered issues;
- to consider and draft documents referred to it by the Presidium during sessions.

The rights of the women's group shall be as follows:

- to initiate adoption of a document of any form;
- to submit drafts of documents to the Presidium or the session, and to propose voting on them;
- to supervise the implementation of the documents drawn up by it and adopted by the Baltic Assembly;
- to familiarize the women's groups of the national parliaments with the documents adopted by the Baltic Assembly which are within their remit;
- to pose questions to the Baltic Council of Ministers and to receive answers to them.

Article 3. Members of the Women's Group

Female members of the national delegations may set up the women's group. The women's group must comprise at least 5 female members from not less than two national delegations.

Article 4. Chairwoman and Deputy Chairwoman of the Women's Group

The women's group shall elect a chairwoman and a deputy chairwoman according to the principle of rotation and shall inform the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly thereof.

Article 5. Meetings of the Women's Group

Meetings of the women's group shall be convened at least once a year. The chairwoman of the women's group shall convene meetings, draw up their agendas and fix the date and place of the meetings.

Members of the party groups (factions) of the Baltic Assembly, members of the women's groups of other parliamentary cooperation organizations, representatives of

the women's groups of the national parliaments, representatives of the governments, as well as experts may be invited to attend meetings of the women's group.

Meetings shall be organized by the national secretary of the member state in which the meeting of the women's group is held.

The Baltic Assembly Secretariat shall conduct meetings and take minutes thereof. The minutes shall indicate the time and place of a meeting, surnames of the participants, issues considered, principal positions and adopted decisions. The minutes shall be signed by the presiding officer and the person who has taken the minutes.

Article 6. Decisions of the Women's Group

The powers of the women's group of the Baltic Assembly shall be valid if at its meeting at least two national delegations of the Baltic Assembly are represented by at least two female members each, including the chairwoman or deputy chairwoman of the women's group.

Decisions of the women's group shall be adopted at a meeting of the women's group by consensus of the members attending the meeting.

Article 7. Financial Support for the Women's Group

The women's group shall enjoy the right to the same financial support as all other party groups (factions).

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