

BALTIC ASSEMBLY

APPEAL

to the Parliaments of the Baltic States

The citizenship laws of the Baltic States have been drafted taking into account the consequences and possible impact of the fifty-year period of occupation. These laws do not include the Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians who for historical reasons found themselves in one of the other Baltic States after World War II.

The Baltic Assembly, meeting in Jūrmala (Kõmeri) from May 13-15, 1994, requests the Parliaments of the Baltic States to take into account the fact that Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians, who came for permanent residence to any of the Baltic States after June 1940, should not be regarded as aliens, as are citizens of the former Soviet Union. Many Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians were prevented from returning to their native countries by the occupational regime.

The Baltic Assembly recommends to the Parliaments and Governments of its Member States that they should ensure that the laws which regulate the legal status of aliens should provide for favourable treatment of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians who came to reside in one of the other Baltic States after June 1940.

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