

Baltic Assembly

**RESOLUTION**

**CONCERNING THE COORDINATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUE OF VISAS AND CONTROL OF BORDER CROSSING POSTS BETWEEN THE BALTIC STATES**

As a result of increased economic activity between the Baltic States and the rest of Europe, the Baltic Assembly is of the opinion that it is necessary to fundamentally improve the procedures concerning the issuing of visas ( including the standardization of visa issue and visa fees for the citizens of other countries), and the control of border crossing posts, and

recalling the Resolution adopted at the 4th session of the Baltic Assembly on 15 May 1994 concerning the coordination of border crossing policies and procedures, the Baltic Assembly recommends that the Baltic Council of Ministers:

1. Coordinates the visa issue regulations in the Baltic States with a view to establishing:

1) a visa-free regime between the Baltic States with respect to citizens of the Baltic States;

2) real implementation of a visa regime so that visitors from mutually-agreed other countries, and having obtained a visa to one Baltic State may also visit the other Baltic States for the remaining period of validity of the original visa without having to apply for a separate visa for each State; and

3) a coordinated and unified policy of visa regimes with other countries of the world.

2. In the nearest future adopt appropriate procedures in order to simplify and quicken the procedure for crossing the borders, to ensure increased transit capacity at the border crossing posts, as well as improved quality of service.

3. Coordinates the procedure and common principles of border crossing for citizens of the Baltic States, including special lanes for Baltic citizens at all border crossing posts in the Baltic States.