

APPEAL

to the delegations of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly

The Baltic Assembly, taking into consideration the painful historical experience of the three Baltic States, expects Russia to renounce its expansionist doctrines before joining the Council of Europe.

The Baltic Assembly appeals to parliamentary delegations in the Parliamentary Assmbly of the Council of Europe with a request that they, before deciding to accept Russia as a member to the Council of Europe, demanded that Russia would pledge to respect the independence and sovereign rights of the Baltic States and not to use force or threatening with force against them.

Chairman of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly Deputy chairman of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly Deputy chairman of the Presidium of the Baltic Assembly

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