## RESOLUTION

## on the Co-operation of the Baltic States in the Exploitation of the Sea-bed and Coastal Areas of the Baltic Sea

the Baltic Assembly

being aware that economic operations on the sea-bed or in its coastal areas may affect the environmental conditions in the neighbouring countries or in the entire sea;

considering that preventive activities may minimise the spreading of pollution or a potential development of hazardous situations in the Baltic Sea basin,

intending to prevent activities which could deteriorate the condition of the Baltic Sea environment,

recommends to the Baltic Council of Ministers to:

improve mutual co-operation in designing and constructing installations in the sea and its coastal areas, as well as ensure exchange of all information concerning said installations prior to the adoption of relevant decisions;

ensure that the HELCOM recommendations concerning the protection of the sea-bed and the coastal areas of the Baltic Sea be observed in the exploitation of the sea-bed and coastal areas of the Baltic Sea.

Vilnius, 13 April 1996