FINAL DOCUMENT of the 27th Session of the Baltic Assembly

The Baltic Assembly,

having convened on 4–6 December 2008 in Viljandi, the Republic of Estonia, for its 27th Session;

having discussed the Baltic Sea Strategy and security aspects of the energy policy, as well as fight against cyber crimes, common measures to prevent and fight against trafficking in human beings, common policy to promote the development of creative industries, vocational education and training, new challenges for international security, **adopted** the following documents:

Statement on International Security;

Resolution on the 20th Anniversary of the Baltic Way;

Resolution on the Fight against Cyber Crimes;

Resolution on the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings;

Resolution on Climate Change Mitigation and Preventive Measures;

Statement on the Development of Vocational Education and Training;

Statement on the Development of Creative Industries,

approved the Baltic Assembly Budget Report for 2007 and

adopted the Baltic Assembly Budget for 2009;

approved Amendments to the Regulations regarding Medals of the Baltic Assembly; **announced** the next year of the Baltic Assembly as the year of the 20th Anniversary of the Baltic Way;

defined the following priorities of the Baltic Assembly for 2009:

- 1. stabilisation of economies of the Baltic States, provision of sustainable growth, promoting competitiveness and encouraging progress factors, including information society, science development and new ideas;
- 2. integrated and efficient energy, Baltic Sea environment and follow up of the status of chemical weapons dumped in it, sustainable transport;
- 3. promoting active regional cooperation, sharing positive experience, enhancing cultural relations in the region.

defined the following priorities for co-operation between the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers in 2009:

- 1. security policy: cooperation on defence, environmental security and information security issues;
- 2. energy: cooperation on developing a common electricity and gas market, cooperation on ensuring reliable energy supply to the Baltic States;
- 3. Eastern policy: cooperation with partners on the basis of the European Neighbourhood Policy and

decided that the 28th Session of the Baltic Assembly will take place on 26–28 November 2009 in Vilnius, the Republic of Lithuania.

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