

**RESOLUTION
ON COMBATING DRUGS**

The Baltic Assembly,

taking into account the current increase in drug abuse tendencies, also the growing spread among the young people of psychotropic substances;

recognising the negative effects of drug abuse not only on the mental and physical health of the drug abusers, but also danger for the members of their families, as well as the social environment;

emphasising a sharp increase in crime related to illegal traffic in drugs and psychotropic substances, currently acquiring the character of organised structures and their convergence with illegal groups engaged in money laundering, corruption and prostitution;

urges the parliaments and governments of the Baltic States to implement the following measures aimed at combating drugs:

to work out a national strategy of drug control, prevention of drug addiction and assistance to persons - victims of drug abuse;

to set up appropriate bodies at the national level for co-ordination of interdepartmental actions in drug control and drug abuse prevention;

to ensure the implementation of requirements of the following international treaties - the UN conventions:

the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961;

the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; and

the Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988;

to set up a centre for the monitoring of cases of drug abuse and related consequences, also for the exchange of information and its dissemination at the national and international level;

asserts that it is necessary:

to improve co-operation and co-ordination of actions, and unite the efforts of governmental and non-governmental organisations aimed at increasing public awareness and prevention of drug abuse by all available means.