

RESOLUTION

On the Cooperation of the Baltic States in the Field of Control of Dangerous and Extremely Dangerous Infectious Diseases

The Baltic Assembly,

taking into account the positions of the World Health Organisation and of the bodies of the European Union on strengthening the international cooperation in the field of prevention and control of infectious diseases,

notes the emergence of a new threat to the population of the Baltic states consisting in the possible use of the bacteriological weapon and other actions of terrorists aimed at the propagation of extremely dangerous infectious diseases;

recognises the importance of international cooperation in strengthening the control of extremely dangerous diseases;

notes that efficient system of prevention and control of infectious diseases is an obligatory requirement for socio-economic development and integration into the European Union;

proposes to the Baltic Council of Ministers to pay special attention to the cooperation of the Baltic states in the field of prevention and control of extremely dangerous infectious diseases by monitoring the occurrence of these diseases, creating a system of operative response and international exchange of information, raising the awareness of the population of these issues, establishing active international cooperation of the competent national and local government agencies and other interested bodies and organisations.

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