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ON

**“ENHANCED CO-OPERATION AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING
MEASURES IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION”**

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1. Considering that peaceful cooperation with the involvement of Russia, a non-EU country, is among the foremost aims of the OSCE's Baltic Sea policy,
2. Convinced that the Baltic Sea region must remain an area of enhanced cooperation,
3. Noting that the security situation and sense of security in the region have deteriorated due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and its effects,
4. Recalling that the current developments have led and may continue to lead to an arms spiral and an increase in military presence in the region,
5. Recognizing the danger that manoeuvres, unannounced flights without transponders and ship movements could result in incidents with considerable potential for escalation,
6. Emphasizing that the Baltic Sea area is an area with a shared history and cultural similarities,
7. Commending the Baltic Sea region's position as an economic and growth area with great potential for the future,
8. Recalling that a large number of multilateral political, economic and societal organisations exist in the Baltic Sea area, most prominently the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference,
9. Underlining that the Baltic Sea region was the first area for which the EU developed a dedicated strategy, which envisages the Baltic Sea region growing closer together, and that cooperation with Russia, a non-EU country, and its North-West Russia Strategy takes place on an equal footing,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

10. Invites the participating States to seek to ensure that security and close cooperation in the Baltic Sea region are preserved and strengthened;
11. Calls, therefore, on the governments of the Member States of the Council of the Baltic Sea States to resume the practice of holding CBSS ministerial meetings, as unanimously agreed by the 24th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference held in Rostock in September 2015, as these meetings foster dialogue and strengthen cooperation;

12. Calls on the participating States to develop dialogue formats, bilaterally and within the framework of the OSCE structures, to debate security policy and confidence-building measures in the Baltic Sea area;
13. Invites the participating States to discuss concrete security-related incidents in the Baltic Sea area and their dangers within the framework of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and other OSCE structures;
14. Encourages the participating States to establish a multilateral monitoring body for such security-related incidents in the Baltic Sea area;
15. Invites the participating States to cooperate more closely on the prevention of terrorist threats and organised crime in the Baltic Sea region and to improve the exchange of information between the security authorities of different countries;
16. Encourages the participating States to take joint action within the Baltic Sea region against IT security threats caused by cyber-attacks and to intensify the exchange of information in this area;
17. Invites the participating States to develop the Baltic Sea region, as a high-growth, innovation-driven economic region, with a particular focus on sustainability, and in this context to strengthen cross-border approaches and involve economic actors;
18. Appeals to the participating States to strengthen the multilateral structures in the Baltic Sea area, such as the Council of the Baltic Sea States and the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, and to give greater weight to their recommendations for action and resolutions;
19. Shares the unanimous opinion expressed by the 24th Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference in Rostock in September 2015, which, in view of the large number of refugees in Europe, expressed its solidarity with them and called on the governments in the Baltic Sea region, the Council of the Baltic Sea States, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the European Union (EU) to ensure the decent treatment of refugees concerning safe housing and healthcare;
20. Encourages the participating States to continue to support the Baltic Sea area in forging links and growing closer together in the sectors of ecology, culture and society;
21. Invites the participating States to provide greater support for and to foster youth encounters and youth exchange in the Baltic Sea region, as a region of enhanced cooperation;
22. Encourages the participating States to support cross-border partnerships between municipalities and regions, educational institutions and civil-society organisations in the Baltic Sea area;

23. Encourages the participating States to seek to ensure more joint marketing of the Baltic Sea area as a location for investment and tourism;
24. Calls on the participating States to intensify cross-border cooperation in the fight against human trafficking and illegal immigration networks and to establish structures for closer cooperation, including outside their own territorial waters;
25. Begins, within the OSCE PA, a discussion between the delegations of the Baltic Sea States with the aim of forming a Baltic Sea Working Group, which will examine issues relating to the above areas in close consultation with the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, in order to foster and strengthen security, cooperation and dialogue in the region.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

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