

DECLARATION

On Unity and Cooperation by the Republic of Estonia, Republic of Latvia and Republic of Lithuania

~~We, Arnold Rüütel, the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia;~~
Anatolijs Gorbunovs, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia and
Vytautas Landsbergis, President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania,

Based on our people's unshakeable belief in the ideals of freedom and independence,
in consideration of the historical experience of our trilateral cooperation, and

In affirming our adherence to universally accepted principles of international law,

Are determined to continue and develop political and economic cooperation among our
three countries, in seeking to make their further contribution to the general development
of current process in Europe,

And, as representatives of three countries, which are former members of the League of
Nations ready to take their rightful and legal place in the United Nations as equals among
nations of the world,

Have decided:

To renew, and do hereby renew the Treaty on Unity and Cooperation and the resul-
ting Declaration signed by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in Geneva on September 12, 1934,
which was illegally suspended in 1940,

To improve the mechanism of mutual relations, as stated in Article Two (2) of the 1934
Treaty, according to current circumstances,

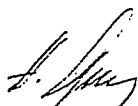
To create a Council of Baltic States in order to assist in the full restoration of state
independence of the three Republics,

To ascertain that the Council of Baltic States which meets either periodically or by ini-
tiative of one of the three States, includes the presidents of the Supreme Councils of the
Baltic Republics and other officials of highest rank as seen fit by the three countries,

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identical in all.



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