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## REPORT

of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on economic and trade relations between the EC  
and the Baltic States

Rapporteur: Mr James MOORHOUSE

Part A: Motion for a Resolution

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\*\*|| Cooperation procedure (second reading) requiring the votes of a majority of the current Members of Parliament  
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By letter of 20 September 1991, the Committee on External Economic Relations requested authorization to draw up a report on economic and trade relations between the EC and the Baltic States.

At the sitting of 18 November 1991, the President of the European Parliament announced that the committee had been authorized to report on this subject.

At its meeting of 29 February 1992, the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr. MOORHOUSE rapporteur.

At its meeting of 23 January 1992, the committee decided to include in its report the motion for a resolution by Mr. MOORHOUSE and Mrs. PEIJS on cooperation agreements between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the European Community which had been referred to it.

At its meeting of 24 March 1992, the committee decided to include in its report the motion for a resolution by Mr. ALBER and others on the European Community's relations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania which had been referred to it. (Opinion : Committee on Foreign Affairs and Security).

At its meetings of 26 May, 15 July 1992, 1 October 1992, 16 October 1992 and 6 November 1992, it considered the draft report.

At the last meeting, it adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Cano Pinto, acting chairman; Moorhouse, rapporteur; de Vries, Miranda de Lage, Price, Sainjon, Sonneveld (for Mr. Lemmer).

The explanatory statement will be published separately.

The report was tabled on 10 November 1992.

The deadline for the tabling of amendments will appear on the draft agenda for the part-session at which the report is to be considered.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on economic and trade relations between the EC and the Baltic States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mr. MOORHOUSE and Mrs. PEIJS of 23 October 1991 on cooperation agreements between the European Community and Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (B3-1651/91),
  - having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mr. ALBER and others of 21 January 1992 on the European Community's relations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (B3-0057/92),
  - having regard to Rule 121 of the Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (A3-0364/92),
- A. whereas, the Community is making every effort to assist all the newly independent republics of the former Soviet Union and, in particular, the Baltic States,
- B. mindful of the fact that the break-up of the Soviet Union and COMECON and the dislocation caused to the Baltic States by the break up of the existing order is having direct economic and financial repercussions on the economies of the Baltic States,
- C. aware that the Baltic States are three separate countries with different problems and requirements,
- D. whereas, the dependence of the Baltic States on the former USSR is very high and even vital in some economic sectors,
- E. whereas, the lack of energy supplies and the consequent dependence of the Baltic States on the former USSR creates special difficulties,
- F. whereas, the economic difficulties and political problems in these States are closely linked and any improvement in the situation in these countries must come from progress in both these areas,
- G. mindful of the efforts being made by the Baltic States to privatize their economy and re-introduce a market economy,
- H. whereas, at present these efforts are not producing the desired results in the short term,
- I. accepting with regret that the downside of the reform policy is an increase in unemployment and a marked reduction in people's purchasing power,

- J. whereas, the programme for transition to a market economy includes the liberalization of foreign trade,
- K. whereas, economic and trade relations between the EC and the Baltic States are continuing to develop but have not yet by any means reached their full potential,
- L. whereas, national and ethnic problems are having serious political, social and economic repercussions in the Baltic States,
- M. whereas, independence for these states entails equilibrium in their political, economic and commercial relations with Scandinavia, the EC and the former USSR,
- N. whereas, the economies of these countries are more in competition to one another than complementary to each other,
- 1. Welcomes the conclusion of trade and cooperation agreements between the Community and each of the Baltic States;
- 2. Welcomes the inclusion of these countries in the PHARE programme;
- 3. Calls for Community support to the Baltic States to be concentrated in particular on:
  - involvement in triangular operations in the context of aid to the former Soviet Union, inter alia by allowing the resale of imported cereals in the form of cattle fodder,
  - supplying drugs and medical equipment,
  - making available technical equipment to be used in environmental protection programmes;
  - training of civil servants and economic operators by means of a transfer of expertise to the Baltic States;
- 4. Calls for urgent environmental measures to be taken in these countries, with particular regard to:
  - military property,
  - the production of energy from oil shale and by the two RBMK nuclear power stations situated in Lithuania,
  - food production and the agri-foodstuffs industry;
- 5. Considers that the environmental problems in the Baltic zone must be solved on a regional scale, associating, the three Baltic Republics, the former Republics of the USSR, the EC and EFTA countries;
- 6. Considers that the creation of new industries in the Baltic Republics will imply important environmental measures in the Baltic zone;
- 7. Is conscious of the common dependence of EC countries and Baltic States on energy supplies and asks the Commission to study whether common solutions to this energy dependence could be found for the mutual interest both of the EC and the Baltic States;
- 8. Hopes that the Baltic area will become a focal point for economic growth, bringing together the Scandinavian countries, the EC and the Baltic

States and that the Commission will assist in developing plans specifically designed to achieve this aim;

9. Supports the Baltic States' call for all remaining 'foreign' troops to be withdrawn from the area;
10. Is concerned by the increased inter-ethnic tensions in the Baltic States and considers that all efforts should be made in order to ensure peaceful co-existence and development of all ethnic components present in the Baltic States;
11. Considers that the principles contained in the citizenship law enacted by Estonia and in the resolution on citizenship adopted by Latvia risk exacerbating ethnic tensions, both within the Baltic States and in the former Soviet Union, and could cause, if implemented in a restrictive way, infringements to basic minorities' rights, as embodied in the CSCE Paris Charter;
12. Is also concerned by the reciprocity provisions contained in the Lithuanian Law on the Legal Status of Foreigners of 4.9.1991;
13. Considers that, after the conclusion of the cooperation agreements, the Commission should monitor carefully future developments and, where the need arises, act swiftly in the context of the human rights clause contained in the agreements;
14. Asks the Commission to keep it regularly informed on the situation of human and minorities' rights in the Baltic States;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the governments of the Member States and the Baltic States.

~~29.10.1991~~

~~B3-1651/91~~

## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled pursuant to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mrs PEIJS  
on behalf of the EPP Group  
and  
by Mr MOORHOUSE  
on behalf of the European Democratic Group

on cooperation agreements between Estonia, Latvia and  
Lithuania and the European Communities

### The European Parliament,

- A. congratulating the republics of Estonia, Latvia and  
Lithuania on their independence
- B. acknowledging the responsibility of EC and EFTA for the  
development of trade relations with the Baltic States
  1. recognizes the need to negotiate trade and cooperation  
agreements between the EC and the Baltic States
  2. calls on the competent committee to examine the  
possibilities of entering into
    - traditional economic and trade cooperation agreements  
or
    - association agreements

between the EC and the Baltic States.

31 January 1992

B3-0057/92

**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following members: ALBER, FORD, IVERSEN, JENSEN, KOFOED, LALOR, PARTSCH, SIMPSON, TITLEY, MELIS and STAVROU

in their capacity as members of the ad hoc delegation which visited Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania from 3 to 8 November 1991

on the European Community's relations with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its resolution of 12 September 1991 on the Soviet Union and the Baltic States,
- B. whereas the independence and reorientation of the three Baltic States must be supported by Community action,
  1. Welcomes the inclusion of the Baltic States in the PHARE programme and the negotiation of trade and cooperation agreements with them,
  2. Calls for extensive support to be given to these States by the Community, particularly by
    - involving them in triangular operations in the context of aid to the Soviet Union, inter alia by allowing the resale of imported cereals in the form of cattle fodder,
    - supplying drugs and medical equipment,
    - making available technical equipment to be used in environmental protection programmes;
  3. Urges that these States be given assistance by the Community in developing a new Community-orientated legal system;
  4. Advocates that the know-how needed to restructure their political and economic systems be passed on by
    - sending Community experts to these countries and providing training for their officials within the Community
    - vocational training programmes;



5. Supports the call for an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Baltic;
6. Suggests that official invitations be issued to the Presidents of the Baltic States in order of seniority;
7. Calls for support to be given to urgent environmental measures such as
  - the opening-up of environmentally hazardous military no-go areas,
  - use of oil shale as an energy source,
  - food production and industrialized agriculture;
8. Encourages the introduction of an appropriate nationality law with fair treatment of ethnic minorities and realistic residence and linguistic requirements;
9. Calls for these States to be included in efforts towards European integration and common security plans.

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