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## **Agreement on the Co-operation of the Baltic National Unions of Students**

**Viljandi, 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2003**

### **Introduction**

1. By the present agreement, the Baltic National Unions of Students, that is to say: the Federation of Estonian Student Unions, the Latvian Student Union and the Lithuanian National Union of Students (hereinafter referred to as the „signatory parties”), recognize themselves as the legitimate representatives of the students in the higher education institutions of their countries in the national and international arena, and institute among themselves procedures to facilitate the development of their co-operation.

2. In order to strengthen the representation of students’ interests at national and international level, the signatory parties shall continue to support each other in the field of higher education, they shall develop common higher education policies, if necessary, and they shall develop coherent policy for common representation of students from Baltic countries in international level.

### **3. Framework of the Co-operation**

3.1. For the purposes set out in the section 2 of this agreement, the signatory parties shall meet at least twice a year (in spring and in autumn) in a Baltic National Unions of Students Board.

3.2. Every Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting is held at a place chosen in the course of the preceding Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting. The signatory party that belongs to the country where the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting is to be held is responsible for all necessary administration including the exchange of information among the signatory parties in relation to the meeting.

3.3. A Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting is convened by the signatory party responsible for that under the precedent subsection of this section at least 30 day before the day on which it should begin. The invitation must include the draft agenda of the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting.

3.4.1. In a Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting every signatory party shall have one vote and shall exercise it through a representative appointed following its internal rules. Any mandate given by a signatory party to its representative in a Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting shall be void as to the other signatory parties.

3.4.2. A Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting can only be held if all the signatory parties are represented. If a signatory party cannot attend a Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting, it is obliged to inform the other signatory parties about that immediately after the invitation has been sent.

3.4.3. The signatory party responsible for organizing the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting under the second subsection of this section exercises, through its representative, the presidency in the proceedings.

3.5.1. The Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting may resolve upon decision binding for the signatory parties.

3.5.3. The questions of procedure are decided by the simple majority of votes.

3.6. Minutes of every Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting, including the decision taken there, shall be sent out to all the signatory parties by the signatory party responsible under the second subsection of this section not more than 45 days

4.1. Every signatory party shall appoint one coordinator for the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting who shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the co-operation under this agreement.

4.2. The coordinator of a signatory parties shall attend the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting even if he or she shall have not been appointed as a representatives of the respective signatory party.

## 5. Interpretation and execution of this Agreement

5.1. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the common intent of the signatory parties expressed in the section 2 of the same. In case of doubts, the interpretation of the agreement shall be given by a decision of the Baltic National Unions of Students Board Meeting.

6.1. There shall not be any other obligations among the signatory parties than these resulting out of either the present agreement and decision taken on the basis thereof, or the practice that the signatory parties have established among themselves.

6.2. The obligations under this agreement shall be carried out by the signatory parties in accordance with the good faith and fair dealing.

7.1. This Agreement comes into force upon the signature by the authorized representatives of all the signatory parties named in the section 1 of the same.

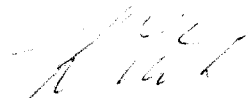
7.2. In carrying out their obligations under the agreement the party will act in accordance with good faith and fair dealing.

7.3. This agreement is made in three copies of equal value of which each signatory party shall receive one. Only the English wording of this agreement is the authentic one. Any amendment to this agreement must be made in writing with the consent of all the signatory parties.

Signed by:



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